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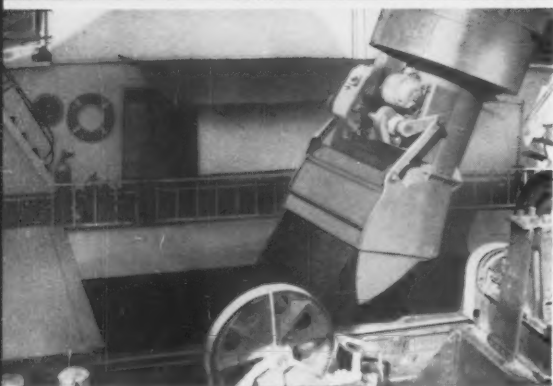
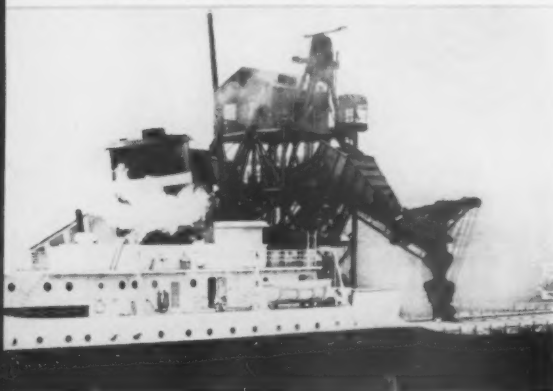
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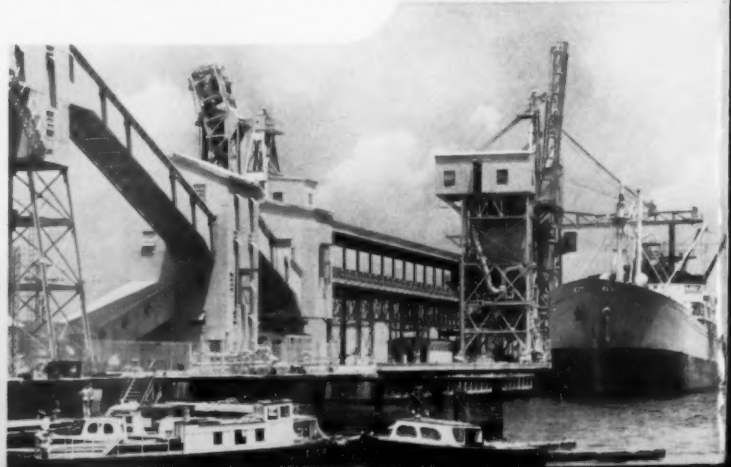
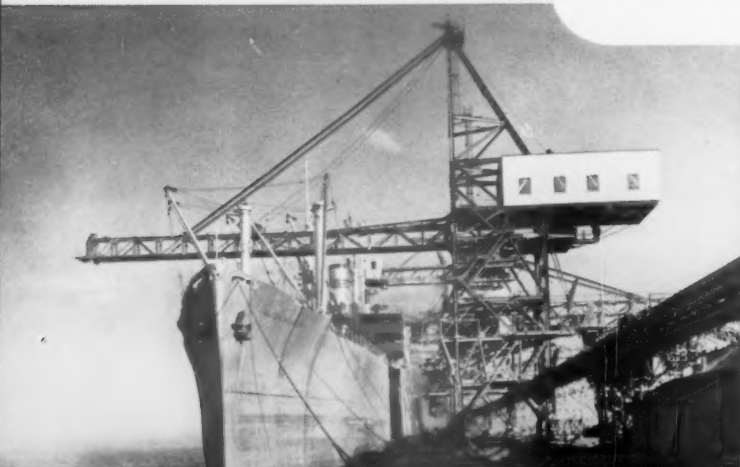
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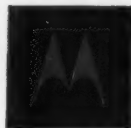
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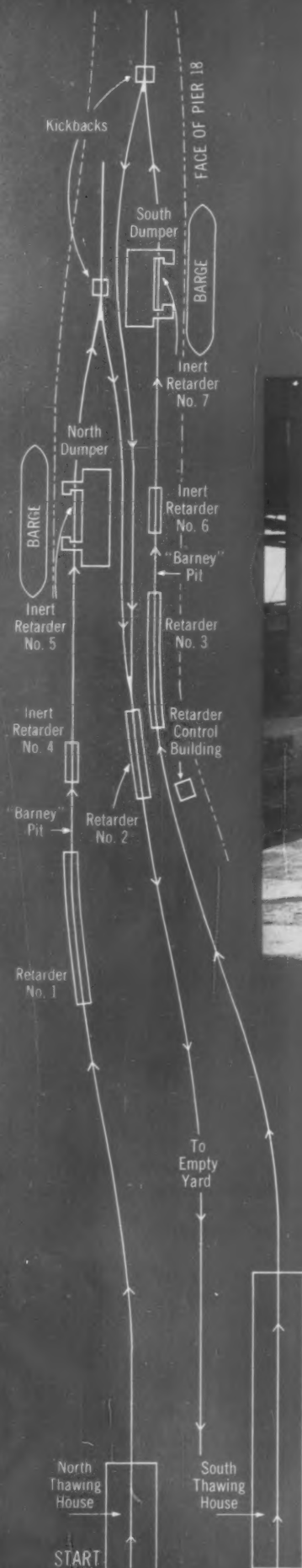
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### TAA speakers probe railroad problems .....p. 9

Strong medicine is needed if railroads are to regain their good health. Such was the consensus at the annual meeting of the Transportation Association of America. Use of specialized equipment can recapture traffic for the railroads, Clair Roddewig told the group. He also sees a trend toward acceptance of agreed charges.

### Railroads need constructive action now .....p.11

That's what Senator Smathers said as his subcommittee ended the first phase of its hearing on the "deteriorating railroad situation." The senator called for a new attitude to halt destruction of a vital part of the transportation system.

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More than a year of effort in state commission proceedings and negotiations with affected brotherhoods is now paying off. Receipts to date include doubling-up of 10 stations and permission to halt agency service at six others.

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It's no Toonerville-Trolley operation. The Soviet system registers freight traffic density per mile of road that is 279% greater than the United States average. The carloading target for 1960 is 221,500 a day.

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Building to win the business, the railroads are capitalizing on the soaring tonnages brought in from new sources tapped for the steelmakers. Aggressive planning and look-ahead pier construction boosted traffic for roads reaching the Atlantic sea board.

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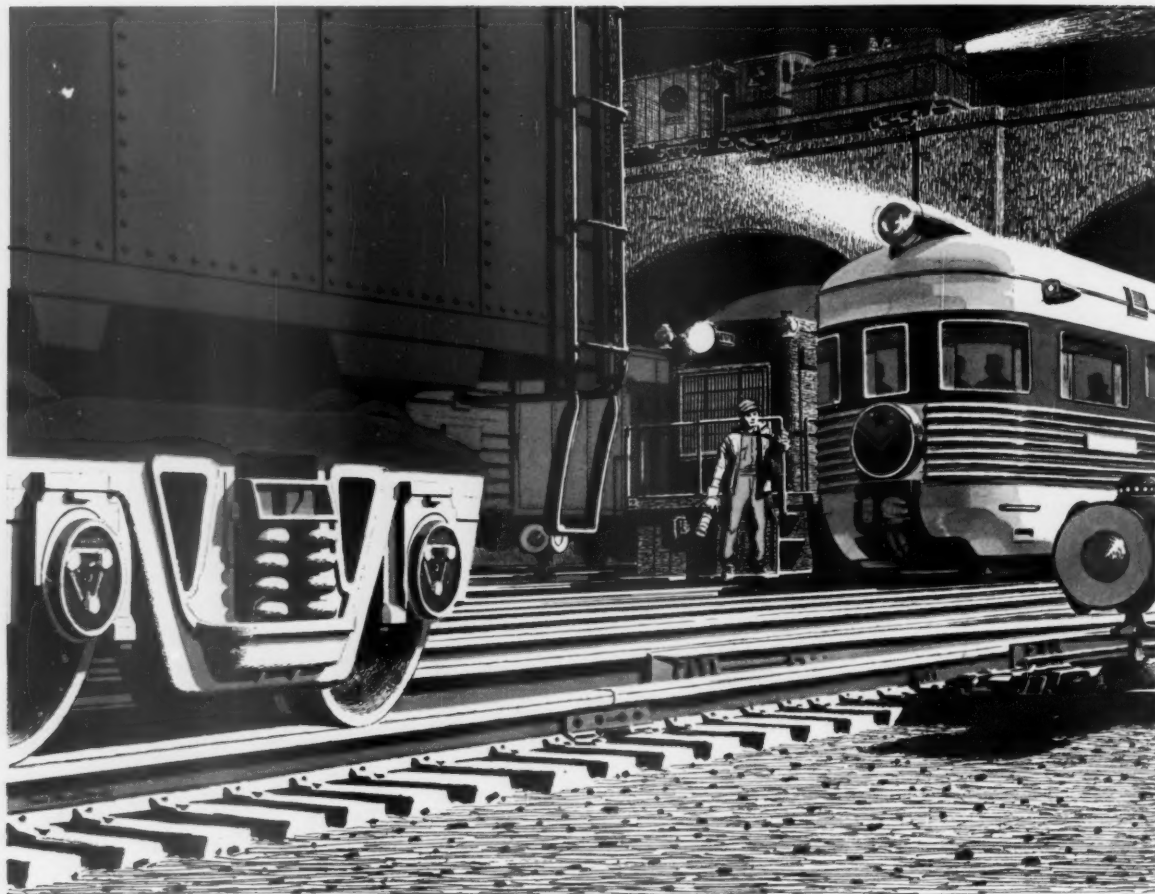
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Operating expenses, eleven months	
1957	\$7,543,886,467
1956	7,413,175,457
Taxes, eleven months	
1957	\$1,011,020,756
1956	1,046,585,941
Net railway operating income, eleven months	
1957	\$863,352,199
1956	984,434,802
Net income estimated, eleven months	
1957	\$661,000,000
1956	784,000,000
Average price 20 railroad stocks	
January 21, 1958	70.00
January 22, 1957	93.48
Carloadings revenue freight	
Two weeks, 1958	1,041,193
Two weeks, 1957	1,241,967
Average daily freight car surplus	
Wk. ended Jan. 18, 1958	116,206
Wk. ended Jan. 19, 1957	14,027
Average daily freight car shortage	
Wk. ended Jan. 18, 1958	41
Wk. ended Jan. 19, 1957	1,977
Freight cars on order	
January 1, 1958	55,941
January 1, 1957	117,257
Freight cars delivered	
Twelve months, 1957	99,290
Twelve months, 1956	67,080

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Court decision on the Milwaukee commuter case. Let's change the law. Railroads simply should not have to continue services that can't or won't pay their way.

### Short and Significant

#### 'Talgo' goes to Boston . . .

The Boston & Maine has received its lightweight "Talgo" train from American Car & Foundry. The unit departed from Berwick, Pa., behind its own Fairbanks-Morse locomotive. After mechanical tests are completed about February 1, the new train—which will not be named—will be tried on various commuter runs in the Boston area. It will get a permanent assignment when the B&M determines which run will make it available to the greatest number of people.

#### Court upholds ICC order on SI . . .

A three-man federal court in Minneapolis has affirmed an ICC order awarding sole control of the Spokane International to the Union Pacific. Great Northern and Northern Pacific, opposing the deal, could appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. At present the UP-SI transaction is under an injunction issued in New York, pending trial on a suit by SI stockholders seeking to halt the purchase.

#### 113 manufacturers will have exhibits . . .

at the 37th National Railway Appliances Association exhibition March 10-13 at the Coliseum in Chicago. The NRAA display will be in progress during the annual meeting of the American Railway Engineering Association. Latter opens March 11 at the Hotel Sherman.

#### Air travel will increase . . .

when new planes now on order go into service. That's what American Airlines' President C. R. Smith recently told the New York Society of Security Analysts. His reason: The new planes will carry people faster, with less noise-vibration fatigue, and the proposed fare increase of 15% is "modest" compared with increases by other forms of transportation.

#### February 1 is target date . . .

for consolidation of the Burlington's "Nebraska Zephyr" and "Coloradoan" between Chicago and Omaha. Only commission authorization needed—from Illinois—has been received. Annual savings from consolidation are estimated at \$282,000.

#### Three-way piggyback interchange . . .

is contemplated for new \$20 million development at Chicago's Lake Calumet port. Discussion, it is reported, involves interchange among rails, highway and waterway carriers, using both trailers and containers.



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# TAA Speakers Probe RR Problems

Move toward acceptance of agreed charges is seen by Roddewig. Railroads can regain traffic through use of specialized equipment, he tells the association's annual meeting. Appraisal of railroad labor rules is called for.

Railroad industry ailments got a thorough airing at the Transportation Association of America annual meeting. Consensus of TAA speakers: strong medicine is needed if railroads are to regain good health.

There were definite notes of optimism during the association's Chicago meeting. Clair M. Roddewig prophesied some future for stabilization of rail traffic through use of agreed charges. It's his view the railroad industry is probably moving toward acceptance of the principle of agreed rates.

Mr. Roddewig, president of the Association of Western Railways, also foresaw possibilities in the use of specialized equipment. The trend is toward it, he pointed out—and there's "no question but that railroads can regain traffic" through use of such equipment.

James F. Haley, vice-president, traffic and transportation department of Koppers Company, and president of the National Defense Transportation Association, supported partnership arrangements for special cars. His position: it's unfair for industry to ask a common carrier to invest in such cars and then fail to make maximum use of the equipment. When the shipper has an actual stake in the cars, he indicated, there'll be real efforts to maintain full utilization.

Speakers representing investors, farmers and industry all had suggestions to improve the rail situation. Some of the remedies prescribed:

- Full appraisal of railway labor rules and regulations, followed by determined action to secure more efficient use of manpower.
- More, rather than less, rate competition.
- Cutbacks in unprofitable operations, to the extent warranted by public interest.
- Close cooperation among all segments of the transportation industry.
- Improved service by railroads.
- Regulation to preserve competition and protect the public interest, rather than to protect high-cost operators.

Railway labor entered the discussion in both a present and a future sense.

Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, called

wasteful labor practices "very basic... [warranting] the immediate attention of the entire industry." He called for a comprehensive study of present rules and regulations, "followed by determined action." The bureau, he added, is ready to support such a program.

Labor's role in the railroad future was touched upon by E. F. Hamm, Jr., president of Traffic Service Corporation.

No one in his right mind has agitated, in recent years, for government ownership

and operation of railroads, Mr. Hamm said. Also, rail labor leaders have declared themselves at various times as opposed to government ownership. This, however, should not delude anyone into believing that when labor leaders become alarmed over declining union membership caused by consolidations or abandonments, they will not try to persuade Congress to look to government ownership as the answer. "The distaste for government ownership which union chiefs express in normal



## NP Campaigns to Cut Dunnage and Damage Costs

Completion of 50 specially outfitted refrigerator-type cars has been announced by the Northern Pacific. The cars are equipped with loading devices which lock lading in place and reduce dunnage costs and damage to merchandise during transit. Forty-eight of the cars carry damage-free loading equipment made by the

Evans Products Company. Two cars have similar equipment recently introduced by the Sparton Corporation and the Pacific Car & Foundry Co. Performance of the three types of loaders is being checked as a prelude to future installations. NP operating and traffic officers are shown inspecting one of the new cars.

times may disappear easily in an emergency," Mr. Hamm declared.

William W. Wolbach, vice-president, Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., told the meeting that regulation was intended to protect against monopoly. Since there is no monopoly today, he asked, why inflict transportation with more than fringe regulations?

Investors, Mr. Wolbach commented, give most segments of the transportation industry a fairly low rating. Investors are not against regulated industries as such, but they "do object to unreasonable delays and seemingly indifferent attitudes toward the necessity for rate relief, when it seems obviously indicated." Furthermore, he charged, the feeling persists in financial circles that the position of the investor is virtually overlooked by regulatory com-

missions at both federal and local levels, with greater attention given to the attitude of users, labor, politicians and even competitors.

Mr. Shuman warned that the Farm Bureau will "strongly oppose any proposal to restrict the [agricultural] exemption to transportation to the primary market or to narrow substantially the exemption as now interpreted."

Bureau policy on subsidies, Mr. Shuman declared, is that such arrangements are not in the best interest of the public and should be terminated. Trucks, he said, should bear their appropriate share of maintaining highways. Airlines and water transportation companies can and should be on a self-supporting basis.

The bureau is convinced the railroad industry will make a "serious mistake" if

it goes to government for "special assistance." This assistance, he said, would include a federally financed freight car pool.

The AFBF president was not the only speaker to frown on the Symes Plan for rolling stock acquisition. Other speakers described the proposal as a "crutch to keep a sick patient alive," a poor substitute for adequate earnings and credit.

NDTA President Haley offered a pair of alternative suggestions:

- Provision for government guarantee of credit; or

- If the Symes plan were adopted as proposed, machinery could be set up for a period of publicity after carrier application, during which hidden private credit could expose itself.

TAA directors approved three resolutions during the meeting—two directly related to the railroad situation. The first reaffirmed a TAA recommendation that Congress be asked to give the ICC power to authorize abandonments in intrastate service. Such action would involve unprofitable operations which act as a burden on interstate commerce. The ICC would be brought into the picture upon appeal from adverse state decisions, or where state authorities "unduly" delay decisions.

The second rail resolution was another reaffirmation of a previous TAA position. It is aimed at speeding action on intrastate rate increases following the granting of interstate boosts.

## Watching Washington *with Walter Taft*

- **RAILROADS HAVE WON** the first round in their fight for tax relief. Their plea for elimination of the write-off for past accrued depreciation has been heeded. The House Ways and Means Committee agreed to add the eliminator to a bill now on its way through Congress.

- **EFFECT** would be to increase the base for figuring depreciation charges on fixed property. That would raise current depreciation charges and thus cut income taxes.

- **THE WRITE-OFF**, amounting to 30%, was made some 15 years ago. It was a bad bargain which most roads entered with the Treasury when they converted from retirement accounting to depreciation accounting for fixed property. Some roads, however, took the matter to court and got favorable decisions. These made the Treasury willing to forego the write-off as to the future.

- **SOME DISCOUNT** of the 30% would be involved. That's because pre-1913 depreciation would remain deducted, and the write-back would not apply to property of the 1913-1943 period which has already been retired. Net write-back would thus be somewhat less than 30%—perhaps between 20 and 25%.

- **BRIEF INTERLUDE** is the way President Eisenhower views the business recession. His economic report told Congress of grounds for expecting that the decline need not be prolonged, and that "growth can be resumed without extended interruption." The President promised that government policies will be directed to assure this result.

- **CRITICAL QUESTIONS** for business and labor were also pointed up in the message. Management was advised that undue price increases could be "self-defeating by causing a restriction of markets." Labor leaders were told how the economy can be slowed by wage increases "that go beyond overall productivity gains."

- **CHECK-UP ON ICC** and other like commissions was scheduled to reach the public-hearing stage this week. Checker is the Subcommittee on Legislative Oversight of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. Its job is to see whether the commissions have been functioning as intended by Congress, whose agents they are supposed to be. Subcommittee Chairman is Representative Moulder of Missouri.

## C&EI Consolidates Two Passenger Schedules

Passenger service on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois took another cut this week. The Chicago-Atlanta "Georgian" and Chicago-New Orleans "Humming Bird" were combined into one train beginning January 26.

The trains will be operated as a unit between Chicago and Evansville, Ind. South of Evansville, on the Louisville & Nashville, they'll continue as separate schedules. Reserved coach seats, heretofore available only on the "Georgian," are now available on both trains.

As part of its timetable change, the C&EI also advanced the departures of its Chicago-southern Illinois "Meadowlark" by 25 minutes southbound and 2 hours 15 minutes northbound.

## IC Readies Space For IBM 'Brain'

The Illinois Central is getting a proper home ready for its "electrical brain." The road's directors have authorized remodeling a floor of the accounting building on Chicago's south side to accommodate an IBM 705 data processing machine.

The "brain" itself was ordered last year and is scheduled for delivery next September. Cost of the remodeling will be about \$250,000.

The 705 will be installed in a sound-proofed room. Additional space will be available for storage of magnetic tapes and for IBM service engineers.



# Constructive Action Is Needed Now, Says Senator Smathers

Calls for new attitude to halt destruction of a vital part of the transportation system and the downward trend of the nation's economy. First phase of Senate hearing on railroad situation ends; resumption set for next month.

Railroads have convinced the chairman of the Senate's Surface Transportation Subcommittee that "the time for constructive action is now."

That's what Senator Smathers of Florida said January 17 as his subcommittee concluded the first phase of its public hearings on "the deteriorating railroad situation and its effect on the national transportation picture." He did not specify what constructive action he might favor.

The senator said that "all of us in and out of the transportation field must raise our sights and develop a new attitude—a spirit of objectivity and selflessness—if we are to stop the destruction of a vital part of the transportation system and the downward trend of our nation's economy."

The Smathers statement came after the comprehensive railroad presentation had been made by some 25 top executives. The chairman complimented the witnesses, calling them men of high caliber and ability who know what they are talking about.

Next phase of the hearings will be held in February. Among those invited to ap-

pear then are the postmaster general, secretary of commerce, Interstate Commerce Commission, Department of Defense and representatives of railway labor organizations.

Like those whose testimony was reported in last week's issue, the railroad presidents appearing at later sessions joined in the appeal for enactment of the industry's legislative program. Some also had additional proposals of particular interest to their roads.

**Differences of opinion** on the additional proposals were brought out in questioning by committee members. That was the case with respect to the Symes plan (backed by eastern roads generally) which proposes creation of a federal agency to acquire locomotives and cars and lease them to railroads.

Most emphatic opposition was registered by Santa Fe President Ernest S. Marsh, who was questioned by Senator Lausche of Ohio. Mr. Marsh said he was not in favor of the plan. He doesn't agree with the principle of it or the arithmetic.

He called the plan a high-cost plan, adding that his opposition was also to any such idea of "putting the government in business."

Senator Lausche directed like questions to President Howard Simpson of the Baltimore & Ohio. Noting that his road was a supporter of the plan, Mr. Simpson agreed with the senator's suggestion that the plan might be a first step toward subsidy. He insisted, however, that the plan should be appraised in its setting—the railroads' need for equipment at a time when few were interested in financing it, and the few wanted high rates.

The B&O president emphasized that there was no thought of subsidy in the minds of the plan's framers. Their idea, he said, was to leave the government without a loss, or even with a profit. The setting has changed a bit recently as the market for equipment trust certificates has improved, Mr. Simpson also noted.

More subsidy talk came in the statement of President George Alpert of the New Haven. He advocated aid to maintain com-



**GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT POLICIES** are the direct source of many of the railroads' most vexing problems, Daniel P. Loomis told the Senate subcommittee. Mr. Loomis, president of the AAR, is shown testifying at the opening session of the hearing on the "deteriorating railroad situation."



**RAILROAD PRESIDENTS** were out in force to testify at the hearing before the Surface Transportation Subcommittee of the Senate's Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. Left to right, above, are: H. C. Murphy, Burlington Lines; Patrick B. McGinnis, Boston & Maine; Walter J. Tuohy, Chesapeake &

Ohio; J. M. Symes, Pennsylvania; W. T. Rice, Atlantic Coast Line; Harry A. DeButts, Southern; Arthur K. Atkinson, Wabash; A. E. Perlman, New York Central; Wayne A. Johnston, Illinois Central; Mr. Loomis, AAR; and Robert S. Macfarlane, Northern Pacific.



**RAILROAD OBJECTIVES** are discussed (above, left), with Senator Warren G. Magnuson, chairman of the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. Seated, left to right, are Senator Magnuson and Mr. Loomis. Behind them, in the same order, are E. S. Marsh, Santa Fe president; Russell L.



Dearmont, president of the Missouri Pacific; Mr. DeButts of the Southern; and John W. Smith, Seaboard Air Line president. Photograph at right shows Mr. Loomis (center), conferring with Senator A. F. Schoeppel (left), and Senator George A. Smathers.

muter services. One form of such aid, he said, could be use of a small part of federal highway funds to help solve the urban traffic problem. "Planners," he explained, "have failed to take into account that a double-track railroad can transport more people into a city than a four-lane highway. And there's no automobile to park when they get there."

Senator Lausche asked President Simpson of the B&O about the Albert proposal. Mr. Simpson said the B&O had no serious commuter-service problem, and has given no consideration to the subsidy idea for its other passenger operations.

In their direct presentations, Messrs. Simpson and Marsh supported the industry's general program, as outlined at the hearing's opening session by President D. P. Loomis of the AAR. Thus they called for rate-making freedom and freedom to operate other modes of transport; repeal of the excise taxes on amounts paid for for-hire transportation; imposition of user charges on publicly provided transport facilities; a tighter Interstate Commerce Act definition of private carriage, limiting the scope of the act's agricultural exemptions; power for the ICC to override state authorities in train-abandonment cases, and more depreciation arrangements for railroad property.

Meanwhile, the subcommittee had heard a like presentation from W. Thomas Rice, president of the Atlantic Coast Line. Mr. Rice complained about the way the Post Office Department has been treating railroads. His complaint referred to diversion of mail to trucks and air lines, and the expectation that railroad service will remain available on a stand-by basis.

In the latter connection Mr. Rice said that, in December 1956, inclement weather grounded most air lines on the East Coast for several days, and they could not carry on the three-cent-mail-by-air experiment. He added: "Without advance notice (Continued on page 36)"

## Railway Progress Institute Backs the Railroads

The program which the railroad industry presented to the Senate's Surface Transportation Subcommittee won staunch support from the Railway Progress Institute.

RPI's chairman, Arthur Williams, who is also president of Standard Railway Equipment Manufacturing Company, filed a statement with the subcommittee and appeared at its hearings. RPI, he said, believes the railroad proposals will go a long way toward permitting the carriers to manage their own affairs in accord with the American tradition, and to compete on an equal footing with other forms of transportation.

"The security of almost two million workers is dependent to a large degree on the remedial action you take," Mr. Williams told the subcommittee. He documented his plea with case histories which showed that when railway carloadings dropped and railway purchasing was curtailed in 1954, supply manufacturers were forced to cut their labor forces by 50 to 70%, compared with a reduction in railway labor of only 11%.

"You have listened to many of the nation's top railway executives," he added. "They have, without exception, painted a disturbing picture of 'the deteriorating railroad situation.' If this situation does not improve; if your committee and the Congress do not come forward quickly with *remedial* measures to insure its improvement, railroads will have no alternative but to cut their purchases to the bone, postpone every hoped-for addition and improvement, and defer as much maintenance and repair work as safety permits.

"As you have heard from the railway witnesses here this week, this is happening . . . right now! We already have had a sharp drop in purchase orders. Perhaps we face even the cancellation or postponement of orders now on suppliers' books. The effect on the economy of our country is bound to be immediate and great.

"Here then is the fuel for a nation-wide slow-down. What we are considering therefore is not only the fate of one great industry (the railroads) but the economic future of hundreds of cities and towns throughout the nation . . . the problem of periodic unemployment, cyclical loss of local payrolls and all the other adverse effects of a feast and famine element in our economy."

# M&StL Starts Iowa Station Pair-up

Dualizing program wins backing of State Commerce Commission; Telegraphers go along with combined-station plan in 10 small towns

More than a year ago, the Minneapolis & St. Louis set out to obtain relief on a common railroad problem—agency stations in small communities which no longer handle a volume of business sufficient to warrant full agency service.

The project has been a three-way affair, involving the railroad, the Iowa State Commerce Commission and the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, whose members' jobs would be affected.

**The results to date:** agreements for "dualization" of 10 stations and permission to discontinue agency service at six others. In only one case—that of Steamboat Rock, population 295—did the state commission hold up approval of an M&StL petition.

The railroad's case—and the commission's decisions—were based more on public use of the facilities than on the financial data involved. Actually, in many cases, figures introduced showed the stations returning assigned revenues in excess of assigned expenses for both 1955 and 1956.

M&StL, however, contended that less than four hours of the agent's time is used by the public on railroad business and, therefore, continuation of full time agency service would result in an unjustified expense. Dualized service—in which one agent would divide his work-day between two stations—would satisfactorily meet shipper needs, the carrier held.

The commission, noting the dualization proposal as "new and unique," agreed.

In its majority opinions in the cases, the state board pointed out that "the commission must look to the evidence in each case to determine whether public convenience and necessity require full time agency service. The need, or lack of it, for agency service cannot be established on the basis of revenues alone. If such were to be the controlling factor, the commission would not need to conduct public hearings and extract testimony as the financial statements of the railroad submitted to the commission prior to the hearing would determine the ultimate decision."

"To permit the continuance of this service to communities not fully utilizing it," the commission concluded, "would be lending sanction and approval of extravagance and waste, resulting in increased operating cost which ultimately must be

passed on to the general public in the form of increased rates."

In most cases, the commission authorized the M&StL to substitute custodian service for agency service, with dualization acceptable provided the railroad and the ORT could reach agreement within 30 days after issuance of the commission order.

Chronologically, the carrier's first dualization took effect last January 1, after the ORT agreed on one-man combined service for Union and Liscomb, Iowa. Subsequently, the carrier moved to close 11 other sta-

tions and, during commission hearings, agreed to five other dualizations.

After the ICC decision was handed down in September, M&StL and the ORT went into conference again and came out with four more dualization agreements—Gilman and Newburg, Hedrick and Packwood, Alexander and Latimer, New Sharon and Searsboro. According to the railroad, the ORT refused to approve three other dualization proposals and the carrier used its ICC authority to close five of the six stations involved—Mallard, Plover, Wayland, Olds and Albion. The labor or-

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## WHY DUALIZATION

The Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway Company has asked permission of the Minnesota Railroad & Warehouse Commission to dualize Hanna and La Salle.

### What Is Dualization?

One agent handles the accounts of both stations. He works approximately four hours a day in each town. The railroad pays his additional wages and expense allowance.

### Would It Inconvenience The Community?

No. If the agent is needed when in the next community the shipper may call him at the railroad's expense.

### Has It Been Tried Elsewhere?

Yes, dualization has been in effect since January 1, 1957, at Union and Liscomb, Iowa, and has served the public splendidly. Dualization went into effect November 15, 1957, at eight additional Iowa communities.

### Why Was Dualization Approved?

The Iowa Commerce Commission said requiring the Railroad to provide an agent eight hours a day when he is not needed would "be lending sanction to extravagance and waste, resulting in increasing operating cost which must be passed on to the public."

### What Does The I. C. C. Think?

The Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington warned the railroads when granting the last rate increase that hereafter the industry must eliminate waste and modernize its operation before it can expect further aid.

### Why The Railroad Asks For It

Except for most unusual circumstances, your agent has only an hour or two of work a day. Some days he may even work less. The railroad can not afford to pay eight hours wages for two hours work. Not in those days when:

- The railroads' competitors are subsidized by the taxpayers, yet not adequately regulated by the government. Railroads are 100 per cent regulated, but do not receive one penny of subsidization.
- Material and wage costs have skyrocketed. Nearly 50 cents of every dollar the railroad takes in goes for labor. Freight rate increases not only have failed to keep pace with other costs, but every increase has scared away more traffic to government-subsidized trucks and barges.

### DO You Have Any Questions?

Contact L. E. Gelfand, director of public relations, The Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway Company, 111 E. Franklin, (Phone FE 2-7144) Minneapolis.

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ganization's refusal to agree on the last three dualizations, M&StL noted, cost five jobs, whereas dualization would have eliminated only three.

From a population standpoint, the Iowa towns involved in the M&StL program range from Dillon (where the road got close-up permission without proposing to dualize) with a population of 50, to New Sharon, population 1,089. Dillon and Searsboro both showed losses for 1956 on an assigned revenue-expense basis; while many of the other locations posted revenues over expenses—Mallard, for example, with assigned revenues of \$21,030 and expenses of \$5,037, and Olds, with revenues of \$17,564 and expenses of \$5,118.

#### **Might Work for Other Roads**

In the Steamboat Rock case, revenues scored only a slight margin over expenses, but the commission, noting a half-mile separation of town and station and hearing that "truck service is claimed to be poor," ordered a delay until December 31 to permit development of additional data on revenue, expense and volume of business.

In view of the M&StL's success in combating the perplexing small station problem and the Iowa commission's apparent willingness to consider the cases on a basis of convenience and necessity (rather than on that factor and revenues or on revenues alone), it was considered not unlikely that other carriers might take the same approach toward solution.

Chicago & North Western recently petitioned for permission to set up a "central agency" service plan in South Dakota and Minnesota or to close a number of stations if a "central agency" plan cannot be worked out. M&StL itself opened a campaign for dualization in Minnesota with proposals filed for pairing off 22 stations—Hazel Run and Hanley Falls, Wood Lake and Echo, Delhi and Redwood, Franklin and Fairfax, Arlington and Green Isle, Victoria and Excelsior, Lafayette and Klossner, Hanska and LaSalle, St. James and Ormsby, Kilkenny and Waterville, New Richland and Hartland.

#### **Public Interest Paramount**

As the Iowa Commission noted, its powers give authority covering broadly "a multitude of transportation problems. It is similarly obvious that such orders must be based on 'the public interest' or 'public convenience and necessity,' that is, the public interest of the state or public interest of the people of the state. This body may order full time agency service at any station if such is in the public interest, but we have no authority to order applicant to make available one or two or any number of employees to provide such service."

## **Russian RRs Rate U.S. Respect**

The American railroadman, by and large, is a pretty provincial fellow. He is apt to have the impression that railroads outside North America are all "dinky". His mental image of a non-American railroad is, probably, an Ematt locomotive haphazardly hauling four-wheel goods wagons over light roadway.

It might surprise him to know—as it did us—that even in remote Russia, freight traffic density per mile of road is about 279% greater than the average for the United States. And you don't do that kind of railroading Toonerville Trolley-style. Consider even a stretch of the Trans-Siberian line, 2,000 miles east of Moscow and well behind the Urals. In 1950, its freight traffic density was estimated to exceed 27 million short ton-miles per mile of road.

Holland Hunter reports these facts and a myriad of others in his book "Soviet Transportation Policy" just published by Harvard University Press. Mr. Hunter is associate professor of economics at Haverford College, and a former research fellow at Harvard's Russian Research Center. His book, probably the first comprehensive account of Soviet transportation planning, is a scholarly work, presenting more behind-the-Iron-Curtain statistics than are commonly thought to be available. The author acknowledges that data is difficult to come by and not always precise or reliable. The text is, however, documented to the fullest extent possible by extensive reference notes and tabular appendices.

The significance of what Professor Hunter has written is not that the Russians have achieved so much with their railroads in the last 30 years. More striking is the implication that they recognize the railroads as the prime mover for commerce in an industrial economy.

For the same reason that the Quebec, North Shore & Labrador was built as a conventional railroad, when it could just as well have been constructed from scratch as a super-highway, conveyor belt, slush pipeline, or even made an airlift operation, the USSR rates railroads number one in its integrated transportation planning. Mr. Hunter shows, for example, that rail tons originated on Soviet lines, using 1928 as 100, were 379 in 1940, 811 in 1955, and are planned at 1,173 in 1960. Average carloadings per day in 1928 were 24,007. In 1955 they totaled 169,400. The target for 1960 is 221,500.

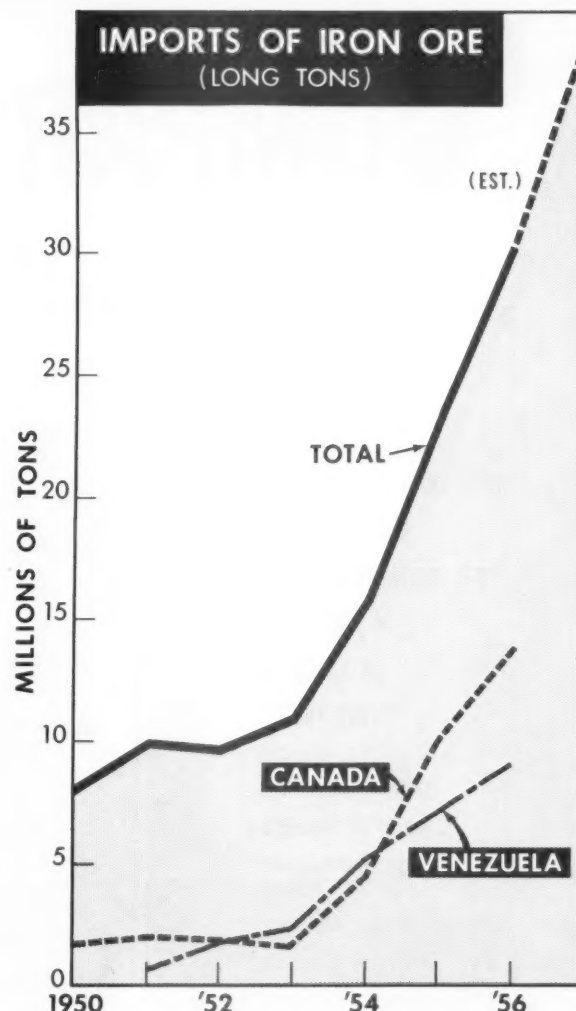
Miles of road in operation, at 47,775 in 1928, were 75,004 in 1955, and will increase, in accordance with Soviet plans, to 79,038 by 1960. That's 4,034 miles of brand new line. Miles of line electrified—at zero in 1928—were 3,326 in 1955, and will nearly treble to 8,388 by 1960. In 1955, 14.5% of motive power was diesel or electric. Extensive dieselization and addition of 5,062 miles of electrification by 1960 is expected to increase this percentage to 45. Production of steam power was to have ceased in 1957. All other indices grow correspondingly, especially Kremlin plans for capital expenditures on refinement and development of its railroads in the years immediately ahead.

Professor Hunter spent June 1957 in the USSR where Russian transportation economists looked over his work. Criticisms were mostly that his book compared 1925-1955 performance, U.S. vs. Russia, whereas the Soviets said they look more at the present and to the future. They see a far more favorable comparison than is presented.

"The present [Soviet] system with all its differences from accepted American practice, is already a remarkably effective one. Hence the indicated conclusion should be one of respect rather than complacency." From "Soviet Transportation Policy," by Holland Hunter. 416 pp. \$8.50. Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Mass.

# RRs Reshape Ports in Ore Import Scramble

- ▶ Blast furnaces were gobbling up iron ore with increasing hunger.
- ▶ Open-pit reserves in Minnesota were dwindling, especially in high-grade ore.
- ▶ The steel industry needed new sources for large-scale production — and found important deposits in South America, Labrador and Liberia.
- ▶ Stakes for the railroads were high: The ore has to be moved inland from the ocean ports. Not only to the Pennsylvania steel territory but in growing quantities to Buffalo, Johnstown, Cleveland and the Canton and Massillon Valleys.
- ▶ Soaring tonnage of ore imports was up from 2.4 million in 1939 to 30.4 million in 1956. And the demand increases, with import requirements for 1960 and 1970 estimated at 45 million and 68 million tons.



## How the Railroads Met the Challenge

In 1948, there were no modern facilities adequate for the quantities of ore to be imported. But believing that the railroads which would provide the necessary installations would get the business, several roads swung into action.

First establishing what the steel companies would consider important for the most efficient transfer of ore from ships to rail cars, they set out to locate ore docks where they would involve rail hauls of acceptable length and impose minimum delays on the ocean ships. They also moved to provide good weighing setups, adequate car supply, sufficient space for ground storage, and pier work forces able to give satisfactory service. Here's the way the railroads built for business:

### THE BALTIMORE & OHIO . . .

put the first modern ore pier in service on the eastern seaboard. Its \$5 million

pier at Curtis Bay, Baltimore, started operations in May 1951. It handles vessels carrying 22,000 to 40,000 tons of ore from Labrador, Venezuela and Liberia. The facility has two unloading towers, each with a 20-ton capacity bucket. Ore can be removed from a ship, accurately weighed, and placed in railroad cars at the rate of 1,165 net tons an hour. A 39-foot water depth and 30,000-ton storage area are provided.

### THE PENNSYLVANIA . . .

opened its \$10¼ million import-ore facility at Philadelphia in March 1954. This pier has two unloading towers, each capable of handling 1,400 tons an hour. Two ships can be unloaded simultaneously, with their cargoes kept apart, weighed, and loaded into cars on separate tracks. The road spent about \$500,000 to deepen the Delaware river for deep-draft ships.

This installation has been expanded twice since its opening and represents a \$12 million PRR investment. It now has four man-trolley type unloaders, giving it a capacity of 6,000 tons an hour and making it the largest railroad-owned pier on the Atlantic coast.

### THE WESTERN MARYLAND . . .

also revamped its ore pier at Port Covington, Baltimore, completing this work late in 1954. This facility now has three electric ore-unloading towers with a rated capacity of 3,000 tons an hour. Its three cranes make it possible to unload from three ships at a time.

### THE CHESAPEAKE & OHIO . . .

put in its bid for the ore imports by constructing a modern \$8.2 million ore-unloading pier at Newport News, Va. Put into operation late in 1957, this facility has three 18-ton unloading towers, each capable of handling 1,440 tons an hour. They (Continued on page 18)

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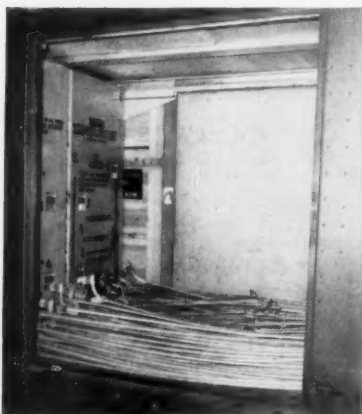
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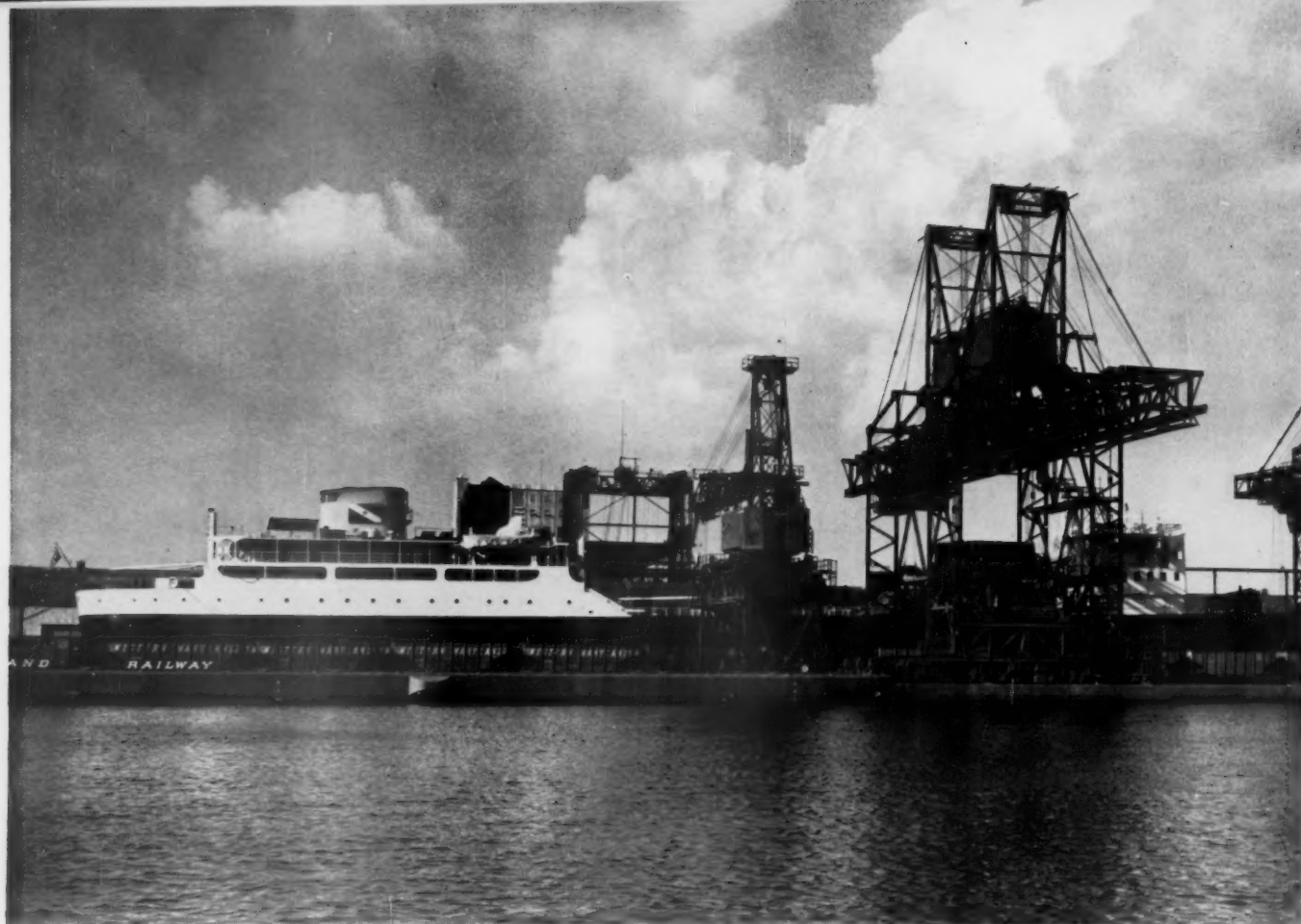
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## BALTIMORE

Western Maryland's three ship unloaders at Port Covington set an all-time record for tonnage handled last year. Capacity is 3,000 tons an hour.

# Wide-Awake Planning Captured a Share of the

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load into two 48-inch conveyor belts, making it possible to unload two ships simultaneously. The ores are kept separate, weighed and loaded into cars on different tracks. This pier can accommodate the largest ore carriers afloat—water depth on one side is 40 feet, 35 feet on the other.

## THE READING . . .

has seen the ore tonnage coming through its Pier 14 at Port Richmond, Philadelphia, increase annually from 1,000,000 tons a year to the 1.7 million recorded in 1957. The road plans to increase the capacity of this pier by 50% through additional capacity and lightweight trolleys. With four unloaders transferring ore directly from vessel to car, the installation now has a capacity of 600 tons an hour.

## THE CANTON . . .

completely modernized its ore pier on the north bank of the Patapsco river at

Baltimore in 1954. It can now unload two ships at a time instead of one. Its capacity is up to 3,000 tons an hour. The modernization project included lengthening the pier, adding an ore-unloading tower, installing two pier-long conveyors, adding an on-shore weigh station, and building a new 500-car supporting yard.

But the shift of sources for steel-making ore from Minnesota to other parts of the world, particularly Venezuela and Canada, has not by any means left Minnesota mining interests high and dry.

## TACONITE TAKES OVER

Conceding the difficulty of getting high-grade ore by open-pit mining, they point to taconite deposits which should hold out for 50 to 100 years or more. This rock is difficult to mine and must be processed and formed into pellets before it can be used in blast furnaces. Two large plants have been put up for this processing—given impetus by state tax con-

cessions—and a third is now projected.

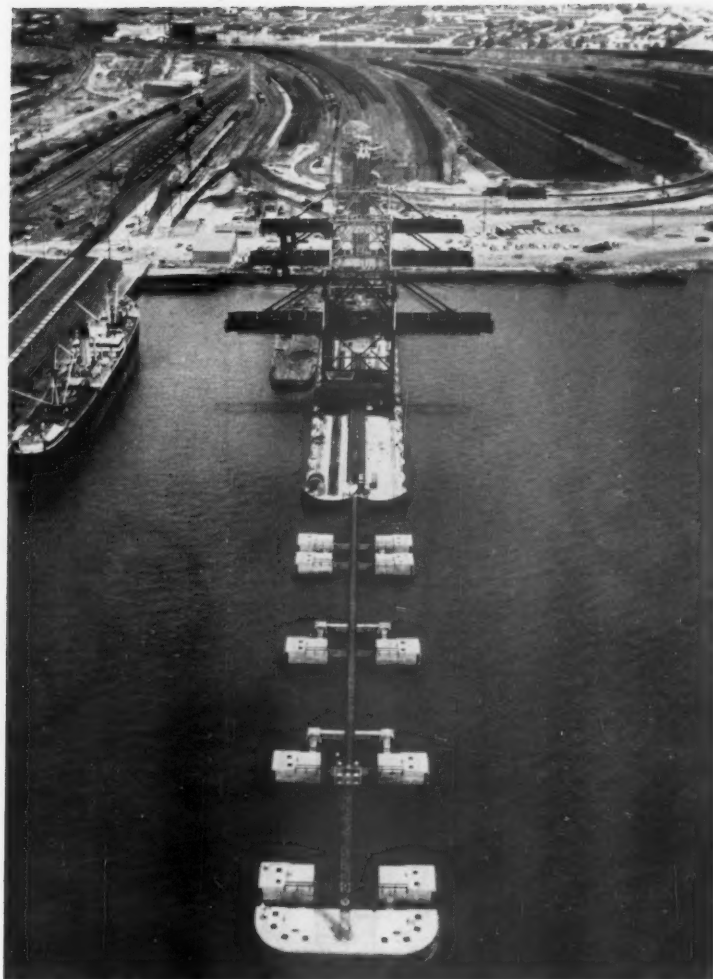
Reserve Mining Company opened one taconite mine at Babbitt, Minn., with a 4-mile railroad built to haul the ore to a plant at Silver Bay where the four million tons a year are processed.

Erie Mining Company opened the second mine at Hoyt Lakes, Minn., this year. It built a 73-mile railroad to get the ore to a plant at Taconite Harbor—like Silver Bay, also on Lake Superior. Production of the taconite pellets is planned at the rate of 7.5 million tons a year.

The third plant is slated for location at Mountain Iron, Minn., at the west side of a taconite bed containing magnetic iron.

These developments have offset, or tend to, the effects on some railroads of the foreign ore imports. Substantial movements of high-grade ore still originate in Minnesota in addition to the growing taconite tonnage. And here, as in the seaports, the railroads are moving to compete for it.

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## Ore Trade Boom

### NEWPORT NEWS

Chesapeake & Ohio facilities are newest on Atlantic coast. Key feature is the large supporting yard for empty and loaded cars in background.



### PHILADELPHIA

Pennsylvania ore pier has the largest capacity of any railroad-owned piers on the eastern seaboard. It can unload 6,000 tons of ore an hour.



### GREAT LAKES

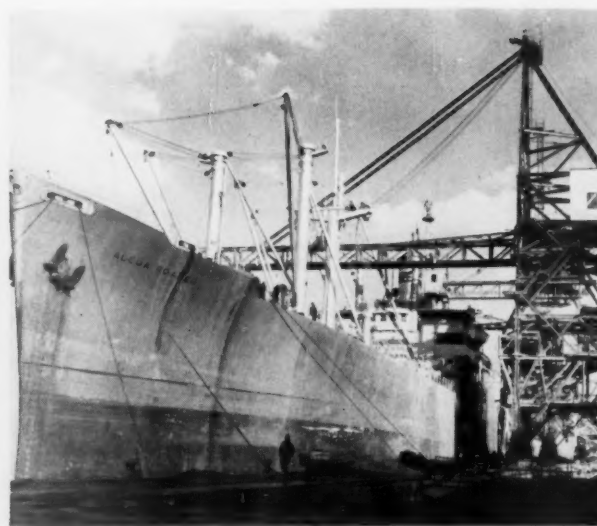
Baltimore & Ohio's unloaders at Toledo are typical of inland facilities. They have 15- to 20-ton grab buckets for direct loading into rail cars.





#### BALTIMORE

The Canton added this new ore-unloader to its facilities on the Patapsco river in 1954. Increased capacity speeds both rail and ship service.



#### MOBILE

Railroads also can benefit from import facilities they don't build themselves. This pier is owned and operated by the Alabama State Docks.

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Lake Superior & Ishpeming has petitioned the ICC for authority to build a new ore dock near Rapid River, Mich. It would be the terminus of an ore movement via LS&I and Soo Line from the Marquette range to Lake Michigan.

Trouble brews here, though, because the proposed dock would be only about 15 miles from the Chicago & North Western's ore dock at Escanaba—so the North Western has protested on the LS&I's petition to the ICC.

The B&O also is active in this area. It added two 20-ton ore unloaders to its dock to Toledo, extending the pier and locating the dumpers so the longest lake vessels can be handled there.

The Canadian National acted to in-

crease the Steep Rock ore tonnage out of Port Arthur on Lake Superior by lengthening the pier at the port so two ships could be loaded at a time instead of one. The road also added ore cars to its fleet, lengthened sidings, laid heavier rail, and installed CTC between Atikokan and Port Arthur to speed up operations. Goal: to boost the movement of ore out of this port from 1.3 million to 5 million tons a year.

Completion of the St. Lawrence Seaway will stimulate even keener competition for ore from Canada. Ore-dock installations at Toledo, Huron, Lorain, Cleveland, Ashtabula, Conneaut, Erie and Buffalo—already geared to serve inland steel furnaces—can be expected to wage a stiff battle against Atlantic ports.

A defense angle is raised by the Minnesota mining interests. They argue that the import of foreign ores on a large scale is not good for the United States. They maintain that, in the event of war, carriers of foreign ores would be sitting ducks for submarine attacks.

Too great reliance on foreign sources for the ore now, they say, would mean years lost building up the national potential to get the tonnage of ore needed for our steel requirements during hostilities.

What they want is more investment now to develop plants for processing their abundant supply of low-grade ore.

#### NOT ONE-WAY STREETS

Port development, whether by public bodies, railroads, or other interests, has more applications, obviously, than just stimulating import-commerce.

One important aspect of the Chesapeake & Ohio installation at Newport News is a case in point. The C&O "pier 9" facilities not only give this road good ore traffic volume but serve to cut the overhead costs of its already profitable export-coal movements. It permits use of coal hoppers in revenue service on their return inland after dumping their coal.

The export-coal boom, meanwhile, is expected to continue for another decade at least. Competent observers in this field maintain that a slight decline from the 1957 level of almost 60 million tons may develop this year but the long-run indications are for a peak of from 75- to 100-million. That makes the railroad port investments look extra good.

### Legal Hassle Resulted from Port Competition

Competition for import ore among railroads reaching Atlantic ports reached the boiling point when it set off a battle on rates in the courts. Roads operating out of Philadelphia and New York City appealed to the ICC to have the Baltimore rate differential eliminated. Initial success was won in 1954 when the commission ordered the Philadelphia rates to be placed on an equal basis with Baltimore's. This was followed with a similar equalizing order in 1956 affecting New York rates. A district court upset the ICC's decision but last December the Supreme Court vacated the district court ruling and placed the three ports on equal footing, rate-wise. Still, the scramble for business is not likely to be confined to these ports. The C&O's Newport News projects, activities in Boston and Charleston, and the already sizeable achievements at Mobile show the railroads' awareness to traffic potentials.



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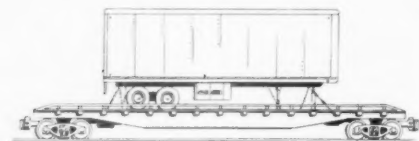
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# UP Gets Bigger Gas Turbines

New motive power to be delivered to the Union Pacific in 1958 will have higher horsepower-per-ton ratio to handle high-speed, long distance freight. Gas-turbine-electrics, rated at 8,500-hp, are geared for 66 mph and will run 25% faster with rated tonnage than predecessors.



NEW GAS TURBINE A-unit is an auxiliary with gas-turbine generator set in B-unit, fuel tender at rear.

Early this year the Union Pacific will place in service the first of its new 8,500-hp, gas-turbine-electric locomotives. Fifteen such units are on order with General Electric; the first practically completed.

The UP already has 25 gas turbines in service—all 4,500 hp units, built by GE and delivered to the road in 1952 and 1954. Fifteen larger units came in 1955.

The 25 gas turbines already in service turned in a good record in 1956. Averaging 10,000 miles a month, the units hauled approximately 12 per cent of all UP freight during the year. Operations were confined largely between Ogden, Utah, and Cheyenne, Wyoming.

## Why the New Design?

The need for the larger units stemmed from the road's desire to retire the steam power still operating in this territory. For maximum utility, the road wanted a locomotive with more weight on drivers and higher horsepower per-ton ratio. These factors are embodied in the new locomotives slated for delivery later this year.

The 8,500-hp gas turbine unit is 179 ft long, weighs 598 tons with the tender fully loaded. Each unit has 828,000 lbs on drivers and will handle a 5,000-ton train at 17 mph on the 1.14 per cent grade from Ogden, Utah, to Evanston. Units are geared for maximum speed of 66 mph

and have 20 hp per ton of weight on drivers compared with 16 hp per ton on the 4,500-hp locomotive.

The higher horsepower capabilities of the new locomotive enable it to run 25 per cent faster with its rated tonnage than the 4,500-hp locomotive.

The A-unit is essentially an auxiliary. It carries an auxiliary diesel engine, a cooling system for the engine and the gas-turbine lube oil, two air compressors, air-brake reservoirs, control, a 2,500-gal fuel tank which supplies the diesel engine at all times and the turbine during starting, and other auxiliary components. The only main power components in the A-unit are the six traction motors, their controls, and braking resistors for eight traction motors.

Other main power components—the gas-turbine generator set, six traction motors, control for these motors and braking resistors for four motors—are arranged in the B-unit. Each unit is carried on two three-axle trucks with all axles motored.

Heavy fuel for the gas turbine is carried in a tender coupled to the B-unit.

The basic design concepts for the two units of this locomotive vary widely. The use of a tender to carry the turbine fuel has relieved the weight-variation problem on the powered units. In addition, it has made possible a fuel capacity of 24,000 gal which is double the amount which could be carried on the locomotive. A greater range of operation without refuel-

ing the locomotive has resulted and fewer trackside fuel facilities and attending personnel are required.

The first 25 gas-turbine-electrical locomotives are now all equipped with 21,000-gal fuel tenders, in addition to the 7,000-gal fuel tanks originally provided. Since this operation was inaugurated, monthly mileage per locomotive has increased 10 per cent. It is not uncommon for many of these locomotives to operate 12,000 miles per month.

Because the main power source, gas turbine and generators are located in the B-unit, it is necessary to connect power circuits between units to supply the traction motors and dynamic braking grids in the A-unit. These connections are arranged in panels on each side of the end doors with quick disconnects so they can be uncoupled easily. Electrical control, a diesel fuel line, two water lines and the usual air-brake lines also connect between these two units. The fuel line supplies diesel fuel to the gas turbine during the starting cycle, and the water lines connect the turbine lube-oil cooler on the B-unit to the radiator system on the A-unit to consolidate the cooling system. The flexible hose connections are supported in horizontal loops to give flexibility and necessary radii for this size hose.

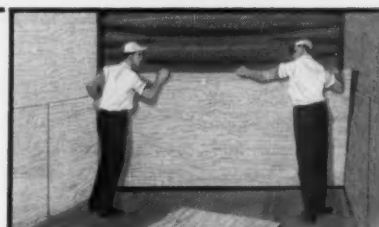
Connections between the B-unit and the tender consist of heavy fuel oil supply and return line, electrical connections for heat-



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**New method of stapling fir plywood over damaged lumber lining permits Southern Pacific to upgrade B and C cars to Class A carriers in only one-third the time and half the cost.**

SOUTHERN PACIFIC has opened the throttle on one of the biggest car modernizing programs in its history. Work on over 400 cars is proceeding at a good clip and at remarkably low cost at the line's big West Oakland and Roseville (California) yards.

Credit for the outstanding speed and economy with which the job is being done is credited to a new technique; stapling big sheets of Exterior plywood over the old lumber lining.

The method takes only about one-third the time normally required for relining a car with T&G lumber—and cuts total costs just about in half. A big factor in the savings is that the old lining does not have to be torn out, as would have been the case in a lumber re-lining job.

The job is done by a two-man crew who tack panels in place horizontally so that two 4-foot wide sheets make up

the required eight foot height. Since most cars are a bit over 17 feet from door frame to end, one 8-foot and one 10-foot long panel cover each course. Vertical joints are staggered. Then two more men follow up for finish stapling, shooting fastenings every six inches around panel edges and over vertical posts spaced 20 inches apart.

One of the chief advantages of the plywood-stapling method is that cars are out of service for a very short time. Beyond that, it's the best and most economical way of doing the job. But the payoff is in the more valuable loadings which can be carried in a Class A car, and it is often enough to pay off the entire upgrading cost in a single long run.

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ing and lighting the tender and a tracer line for keeping this fuel line warm.

### **Turbine Arrangement**

The most significant feature of this locomotive is the new gas turbine. In horsepower (8,500), it is nearly equivalent to five 1,750-hp diesel-electric locomotives. It can produce this horsepower at 6,000-ft altitude and at 90 deg F inlet temperature; consequently, it will deliver full rating or more almost 100 per cent of the time.

The diameter over the turbine casing is 10 ft, requiring the full width of the cab to accommodate it. As a result there is no aisle space on either side of the turbine. Removable cab sections permit the turbine to be serviced from a servicing platform at the engine terminal.

The four main generators are supported on a platform integral with the turbine gear case to simplify the alignment problem and to allow a completely integral power-plant design.

The overall length of the power plant from generator to turbine-exhaust tail cone, is 41 feet; it weighs 150,000 lbs including 47,000 lbs for the generators. Because of the unusual length of the unit, and the deflection and twisting normally encountered in a locomotive platform, the method of support is of interest.

The generator gear unit and the turbine are interconnected and mounted on the platform by means of a flexible-shaft coupling and a dual three-point casing-support arrangement. This connection permits twisting of the turbine with respect to the generator gear unit while maintaining alignment.

Two flexible legs support the generator gear unit on the platform, and a centering

pin in the plane of these legs engages a recess in the platform to take the buffing and coupling shocks. Two flexible legs and a key support the turbine unit to the platform. The legs are welded to the platform and support the generator gear and turbine units by means of trunnion bearings attached to the lower casings. The legs are flexible only in the longitudinal direction; laterally they are quite stiff. The purpose of the flexible legs and the key is to permit freedom of longitudinal movement of the entire unit around the buff pin to care for expansion and contraction with temperature changes.

The locomotive is equipped with fire protection consisting of two Fyr-Fyter dry chemical systems. One is located in the forward end of the B-unit, and the other at the rear of the A-unit. Baffle discharge of nozzles induces swirling about the machinery. A piping system with quick disconnect fittings and hoses reaches to any part of the three locomotive units.

### **Exhaust Gas Problem**

The angle of the exhaust-gas tail cone, 30 degs upward from the horizontal, adds to the overall length of the turbine, but it improves the locomotive performance. Some slight increase in thermal efficiency is achieved because of lowered pressure at the turbine exhaust. In addition, difficulties encountered from exhaust-gas recirculation in tunnel entrances will be largely overcome. This problem, which was encountered with the 4,500-hp gas turbine-electric locomotives, was largely overcome by reducing the angle of the exhaust gas discharge from 60 to 45 deg. Because of this, engineers gave serious consideration to the problem when designing the new locomotive. Data accumulated indicated

that the most critical recirculation condition occurred at the entrance to short tunnels because of the initial air velocity in the tunnel produced by wind blowing into the entrance. The 4,500-hp locomotive must travel 2.3 mph faster than the air in a tunnel of 410 sq ft cross section in order to avoid any recirculation of exhaust gas. The 8,500-hp locomotive needs to run only 1.4 mph faster than the 4,500-hp locomotive to achieve the same performance at the tunnel entrance.

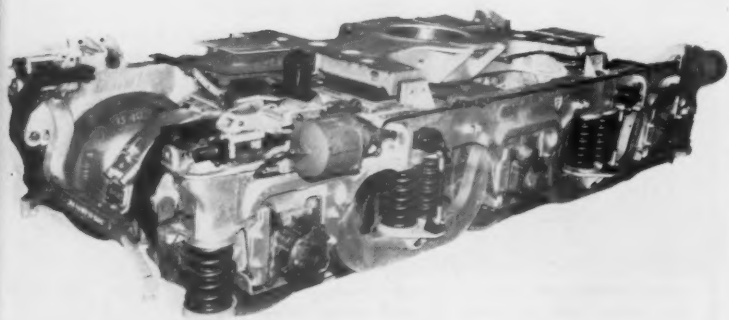
### **Compromise Solution**

Inside the tunnel the locomotive overtakes the air mass and the exhaust-gas jet then becomes the dominant factor in preventing recirculation. To be most effective, the exhaust-gas jet must be directed at such an angle on the tender and the tunnel ceiling causes least disturbance to the jet. Exhausting the gases upward 30 degs from the horizontal is the most effective compromise.

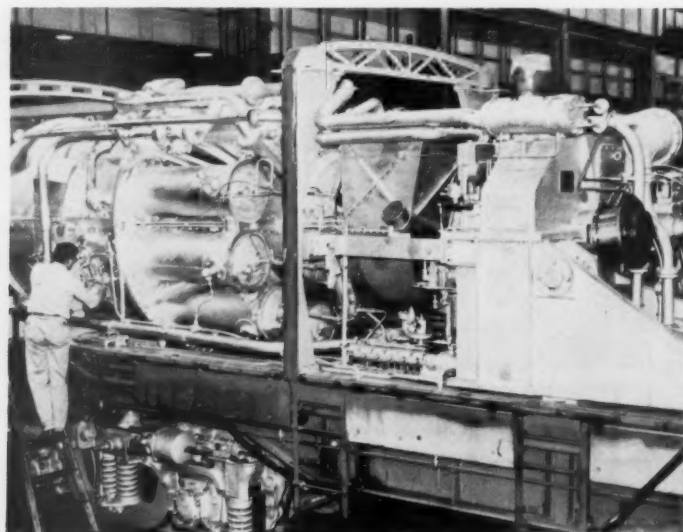
Controls for the gas turbine are located at the engineman's position. After starting the engine, these controls permit the engineman to hostile the locomotive using the diesel-engine-generator connected to two traction motors. Speeds up to 20 mph can be obtained with the locomotive and loaded tender on level track. This feature provides for minimum operation of the turbine at idling and light-load conditions. This saves considerable fuel.

With its 24,000-gal fuel tender, the 8,500-hp unit can pull a 5,000-ton train from Los Angeles, Calif., to Omaha, Neb., a distance of 1,811 miles, with only two intermediate stops for fueling. Its high horsepower capabilities make it especially suited to the mountainous Western divisions.

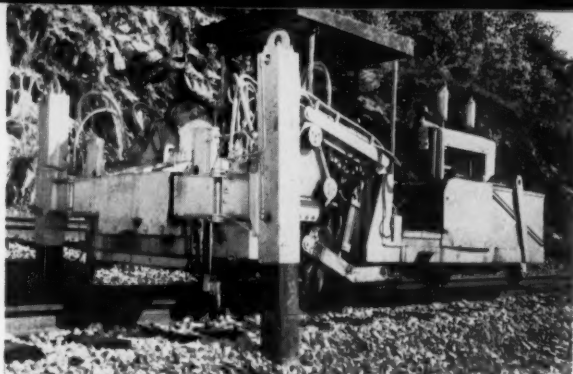
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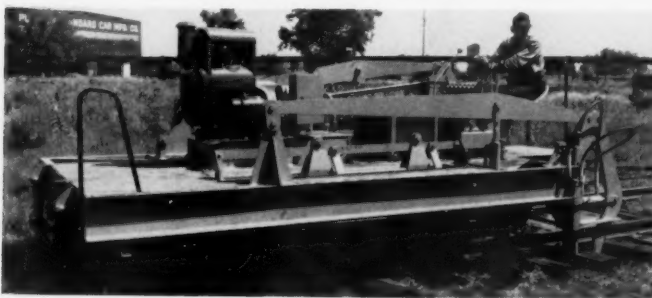
This is a Kershaw spot tamper, one of several types that are now available.



These are a Nordberg Trak-Surfer, foreground, and two Jackson Track Maintainers, rear.

## WE GOOFED

... Pure, but not-so-simple in captioning the photographs on page 43 in our Review and Outlook Issue of January 20. Here's how the track-maintenance apparatus should have been labeled:



This is a Pullman-Standard tie spacer, specifically designed for this mechanical function.



This is the McWilliams spot tamper, a device whose function is to raise and tamp low spots.

## Railroading



## After Hours with *Jim Lyne*

**PASSENGER REBUILDING**—The operating vice-president of a big railroad has passed along to me an imaginative idea for rebuilding the passenger business—in areas where there's real "potential." Here it is:

"Several of the union leaders have said they'd like to discuss cooperative measures for increasing business, especially passenger business. Well, let's ask them to work with us on this one:

"Let's establish a transcontinental passenger run—like one of those long-run international trains they have in Europe. Experimentally, we could begin with only one schedule a week. But, first, we need to set a fare we know will attract lots of customers, both sleeper and coach; and then keep our costs down so that a trainload at a traffic-building rate will assure us a substantial profit. This is the way the highly successful 'coach' service of the airlines was started.

**PULLMAN'S JOB?**—"Trains like this would be a multi-railroad job, and could probably best be handled by an inter-railroad organization, such as Pullman. That is, the crews could qualify on all the territory traversed and be carried on Pullman's payroll.

"Suppose these trains should divert business from existing trains? So much the better—discontinue the unpatronized trains. What both the unions and ourselves need is a new basis on which passenger service can be reestablished so it will grow instead of wither away. We should start anew—quit doing successive patch-work jobs on a traditional set-up that we know won't work."

**UNION AID NEEDED**—"To keep costs down, we should ask the brothers to provide crews—no more men than needed—working on hourly, not mileage, pay.

"Such a train ought to make no more than two or three operating stops in crossing the continent—so the run would take less than two days. A superlatively fast schedule—not by excessive speed, but by eliminating stops.

"Existing equipment could be used, so there'd be no need of new investment. If the experimental train succeeded, then additional schedules could be added. If the project should work transcontinentally, then it could be extended elsewhere—just as air coach, having succeeded transcontinentally, was broadened to other runs."

**BLOOD FROM A TURNIP**—Dexter Buell, veteran educator of apprentices, was telling the other day of a way he'd found, when he was railroading for the late Carl Gray, Sr., of getting money for improvements when there wasn't any in the treasury. It was simply this—the manufacturer put in his machine and took his pay in monthly installments. Each installment equalled the cost saving the railroad made from the new machinery. In a year or two, or sometimes less, the manufacturer had all his money and the railroad from then on could keep the savings.

There are often legal difficulties to work out on a transaction like this—but it's certainly sound in principle. If you are paying \$1 to do a job, it is a choice between paying the \$1 indefinitely; or of paying it for only a limited period and thereafter having the cost fall to 50 cents.



## BIRTHDAY IN A CANYON . . .

Meeting at night, WP's "Zephyrettes" roll toward Oakland and Salt Lake City. RDCs have turned in top performance over seven years. On time record is near perfect.

# WP RDCs Pass Million-Mile Mark

A few nights ago the two RDC units above eased to a halt at a point called Merlin, deep in California's Feather River Canyon. The stop was brief; but it marked something of a birthday. With better than seven years service on the books, each of the units was completing its first million miles of operation.

First of the type II RDCs (passenger-

baggage-express) built by the Budd Company, the Western Pacific units were placed in service between Oakland and Salt Lake City in September 1950. Since then they have averaged better than 270,000 miles a year, and rolled up an enviable performance record. WP records show that in only one case did one of the cars fail to reach final destination. It missed by 11

miles because of a damaged compressor motor.

In addition to their nearly 100 per cent availability, the two cars have also trimmed losses on the 924-mile run. The 1949 deficit was close to \$1 million; in 1957 it was down to about \$300,000. According to a report from the builder the cars have had a 95 per cent "on time" record. They operate under temperatures ranging from as low as minus 30° to as high as 110° above.

As originally constructed, each WP RDC carried 71 passengers, with a 17-ft baggage-express compartment at one end. The road modified this arrangement by installing 18 individual reclining seats in one end, in place of 22 conventional straight-backed seats. The space saved was used for added washroom and lavatory facilities for women passengers. Other conventional seats were retained and present capacity is 66.

The cars are equipped with disc brakes. Budd reports that no disc has been renewed to date on either car, and brake shoe life has averaged 126,000 miles. Wheels have averaged four turnings and 350,000 miles before renewal. One spare engine is kept available and when used the replaced engine is overhauled. Engines have averaged 100,000 miles before replacement.

## Operating Costs—WP Rail Diesel Cars

	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951
Car Miles .....	261,364	264,302	280,280	275,515	269,265	270,280
Train Miles .....	261,364	264,302	280,280	275,515	269,265	270,280
COST PER CAR MILE:						
Locomotive Repairs .....	\$ . . . .	\$ . . . .	\$ . . . .	\$ . . . .	\$ . . . .	\$ . . . .
Car Repairs .....	.29941	.22645	.18359	.21668	.22427	.20736
Train Enginemen .....	.19488	.19059	.18821	.17899	.18543	.16600
Trainmen .....	.25026	.23289	.22471	.21082	.20882	.19898
Train Fuel .....	.04452	.03954	.03795	.03813	.03742	.03155
Water, Lubricants and Supplies .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Enginehouse Expense .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Train Supplies and Expenses .....	.08515	.08525	.09301	.08917	.09404	.10252
Gallons of Diesel Fuel						
Consumed Per Car Mile .....	.42201	.40596	.35386	.36582	.39290	.34226

# REVENUES AND EXPENSES OF RAILWAYS

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MONTH OF NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTHS OF CALENDAR YEAR 1957

Name of Road	Operating Revenues		Operating Expenses		Operating Ratio		Net Railway		Net Railway
	Total	Per mile	Total	Per mile	1957	1956	Operating income	Operating income	Operating income
	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
Akron, Canton & Youngstown Nov.	171	171	489	489	76.4	76.4	816	816	816
Albany, Rensselaer & Saratoga Nov.	13,172	13,172	49,385	49,385	79.5	79.5	10,997	10,997	10,997
Albany, Rensselaer & Saratoga Nov.	13,172	13,172	49,385	49,385	79.5	79.5	10,997	10,997	10,997
Atlanta & St. Andrews Bay 11 mos.	38,291	38,291	555,840	555,840	77.8	77.8	143,253	143,253	143,253
Atlanta & St. Andrews Bay 11 mos.	38,291	38,291	555,840	555,840	77.8	77.8	143,253	143,253	143,253
Atlanta & West Point 11 mos.	93	93	322	322	87.6	87.6	22	22	22
Atlanta & West Point 11 mos.	93	93	322	322	87.6	87.6	22	22	22
Western Rv. of Alabama 11 mos.	133	133	349	349	88.3	88.3	281	281	281
Atlantic Coast Line 11 mos.	5,292	5,292	13,029	13,029	85.4	85.4	435	435	435
Atlantic Coast Line 11 mos.	5,292	5,292	13,029	13,029	85.4	85.4	435	435	435
Charleston & West. Carolina Nov.	343	343	654	654	73.6	73.6	154	154	154
Baltimore & Ohio 11 mos.	5,999	5,999	33,466	33,466	82.7	82.7	6,418	6,418	6,418
Staten Island Rapid Transit 11 mos.	6,095	6,095	385,067	385,067	80.2	80.2	84,831	84,831	84,831
Bangor & Aroostook 11 mos.	602	602	1,071	1,071	79.7	79.7	79	79	79
Bessemer & Lake Erie 11 mos.	208	208	1,924	1,924	83.1	83.1	334	334	334
Boston & Maine 11 mos.	1,571	1,571	6,129	6,129	80.4	80.4	84,831	84,831	84,831
Canadian Pacific Lines in Me. Nov.	234	234	295	295	96.8	96.8	39	39	39
Carolina & Northwestern 11 mos.	284	284	328	328	88.5	88.5	135	135	135
Central of Georgia 11 mos.	1,763	1,763	36,170	36,170	81.3	81.3	7,590	7,590	7,590
Central of New Jersey 11 mos.	612	612	3,995	3,995	79.6	79.6	994	994	994
Chicago & Eastern Illinois 11 mos.	862	862	2,448	2,448	86.1	86.1	405	405	405
Chicago & Illinois Midland 11 mos.	862	862	2,448	2,448	86.1	86.1	405	405	405
Chicago & North Western 11 mos.	9,298	9,298	165,791	165,791	88.0	88.0	30,337	30,337	30,337
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Nov.	8,763	8,763	18,229	18,229	77.7	77.7	4,840	4,840	4,840
Chicago Great Western 11 mos.	8,779	8,779	19,004	19,004	77.7	77.7	4,840	4,840	4,840
Chic. & Milw. St. Paul & Pac. Nov.	10,593	10,593	16,428	16,428	84.3	84.3	10,968	10,968	10,968
Chicago, Rock Is. & Pacific 11 mos.	7,631	7,631	13,615	13,615	83.2	83.2	2,749	2,749	2,749
Cincinnati Railroad 11 mos.	7,644	7,644	16,387	16,387	77.0	77.0	41,586	41,586	41,586
Colorado & Southern 11 mos.	293	293	21,405	21,405	58.6	58.6	7,644	7,644	7,644
Ft. Worth & Denver 11 mos.	1,362	1,362	1,928	1,928	72.6	72.6	612	612	612
Colorado & Wyoming 11 mos.	1,362	1,362	1,928	1,928	72.6	72.6	612	612	612
Delaware & Hudson 11 mos.	764	764	4,019	4,019	67.0	67.0	14,916	14,916	14,916
Delaware, Lacka. & Western 11 mos.	928	928	5,380	5,380	88.7	88.7	675	675	675
Denver & Rio Grande Western Nov.	2,155	2,155	6,318	6,318	64.2	64.2	2,393	2,393	2,393
Detroit & Toledo Shore Line 11 mos.	2,155	2,155	74,097	74,097	63.7	63.7	28,855	28,855	28,855
Detroit & Toledo Shore Line 11 mos.	2,155	2,155	74,097	74,097	63.7	63.7	28,855	28,855	28,855
Detroit, Toledo & Iron Range Nov.	444	444	1,761	1,761	60.9	60.9	614	614	614
Duluth, Missabe & Iron Range Nov.	567	567	2,311	2,311	77.4	77.4	1,064	1,064	1,064
Duluth, So. Shore & Atlantic 11 mos.	544	544	6,537	6,537	66.3	66.3	23,050	23,050	23,050
Duluth, Winnipeg & Pacific 11 mos.	175	175	498	498	62.7	62.7	174	174	174

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MONTH OF NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTHS OF CALENDAR YEAR 1957

Name of Road	Average mileage operated period	Operating Revenues			Deprec.			Maint. Way and Structures			Operating Expenses			Deprec.			Net Railway operating accounting			
		Pass.		Freight	Total		Total rents	Total		Total rents	Total		Total rents	Total		Total rents				
		1954	1955		1957	1958		1957	1958		1957	1958		1957	1958			1957	1958	1957
Elgin, Joliet & Eastern	Nov. 236	3,752	4,592	4,834	281	239	33	1,823	930	120	43	1,693	3,338	3,280	725	679	1,265	632	375	427
11 mos.	2,266	12,688	15,561	16,397	3,266	2,864	384	10,528	9,113	1,324	468	19,266	16,682	13,452	603	665	16,281	7,107	4,332	4,608
Erie	Nov. 519	14,138	18,797	19,445	1,278	1,435	226	2,173	2,068	6,588	6,588	3,781	7,082	11,052	11,753	782	7,082	3,086	1,176	1,238
11 mos.	2,267	15,561	19,445	20,100	1,435	1,600	244	2,444	2,358	7,581	7,581	4,101	4,269	7,414	7,815	497	4,101	1,176	1,067	1,158
Florida East Coast	Nov. 2,755	3,752	4,592	4,834	281	239	33	1,823	930	120	43	1,693	3,338	3,280	725	679	1,265	632	375	427
11 mos.	571	37,861	43,998	46,605	3,533	3,095	605	6,378	5,818	1,162	992	13,185	12,726	25,247	781	743	7,761	2,423	2,478	3,744
Georgia Railroad	Nov. 321	555	778	108	126	103	1,470	1,547	362	445	42	306	623	665	953	865	31	40	27	118
11 mos.	332	8,255	10,513	11,366	1,031	924	70	843	725	23	23	3,406	7,053	7,154	87	86	622	440	668	1,091
Georgia & Florida	Nov. 321	555	778	108	126	103	1,470	1,547	362	445	42	306	623	665	953	865	31	40	27	118
11 mos.	332	8,255	10,513	11,366	1,031	924	70	843	725	23	23	3,406	7,053	7,154	87	86	622	440	668	1,091
Grand Trunk Western	Nov. 951	3,819	4,972	5,240	590	461	70	890	1,041	93	91	2,472	4,275	4,324	843	827	222	356	462	45
11 mos.	46,629	53,397	57,230	7,394	7,309	656	10,981	10,635	1,026	1,092	27,406	48,352	49,267	48,571	861	5,045	4,130	4,839	1,762	
Great Northern	Nov. 8,285	18,697	20,676	23,945	3,850	3,254	530	3,478	4,261	832	51	7,880	16,831	17,024	814	711	3,856	1,681	1,816	3,059
Green Bay & Western	Nov. 224	4,376	4,866	4,966	4,607	4,327	43,682	43,682	8,731	5,976	87,968	195,866	191,908	191,908	734	734	60,599	32,166	28,548	28,681
11 mos.	379	4,376	4,866	4,966	4,607	4,327	43,682	43,682	8,731	5,976	87,968	195,866	191,908	191,908	734	734	60,599	32,166	28,548	28,681
Gulf, Mobile & Ohio	Nov. 2,757	6,154	3,492	78,149	6,941	11,855	11,020	856	16,160	14,626	3,140	3,278	26,381	61,900	57,364	79	750	1,507	652	393
11 mos.	1,118	41,482	43,313	3,536	4,163	543	5,370	5,344	1,147	1,668	12,723	24,057	24,743	24,743	68	571	17,434	7,539	7,326	7,379
Illinois Central	Nov. 6,497	19,397	23,242	25,772	3,199	4,105	420	3,886	4,437	903	630	9,218	18,065	18,511	775	757	5,237	2,579	2,099	2,053
11 mos.	222,175	26,126	27,797	41,567	41,948	4,412	49,535	46,325	9,613	6,449	100,083	210,208	205,901	205,901	79	745	55,917	29,004	18,149	25,937
Illinois Terminal	Nov. 339	9,943	11,425	12,588	1,484	1,514	235	2,356	2,468	106	90	1,147	2,156	2,240	58	601	1,512	648	638	1,282
11 mos.	891	3,290	3,730	3,400	3,911	71	2,760	2,406	106	90	1,147	2,156	2,240	58	601	1,512	648	638	1,282	
Kansas City Southern	Nov. 891	36,786	1,118	41,482	43,313	3,536	4,163	543	5,370	5,344	1,147	1,668	12,723	24,057	24,743	68	571	17,434	7,539	7,379
11 mos.	891	36,786	1,118	41,482	43,313	3,536	4,163	543	5,370	5,344	1,147	1,668	12,723	24,057	24,743	68	571	17,434	7,539	7,379
Kansas, Oklahoma & Gulf	Nov. 327	392	393	383	61	92	7	35	28	12	33	89	242	270	61	705	151	45	72	37
11 mos.	327	4,548	4,548	4,548	4,548	4,548	4,548	4,548	4,548	4,548	4,548	4,548	4,548	4,548	4,548	4,548	4,548	4,548	4,548	4,548
Lake Superior & Ishpeming	11 mos.	145	4,351	4,351	4,351	4,351	4,351	4,351	4,351	4,351	4,351	4,351	4,351	4,351	4,351	4,351	4,351	4,351	4,351	4,351
Lehigh & Hudson River	11 mos.	96	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344
11 mos.	96	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344	3,344
Lehigh & New England	Nov. 178	7,635	7,635	7,635	7,635	7,635	7,635	7,635	7,635	7,635	7,635	7,635	7,635	7,635	7,635	7,635	7,635	7,635	7,635	7,635
11 mos.	1,145	4,580	4,580	4,580	4,580	4,580	4,580	4,580	4,580	4,580	4,580	4,580	4,580	4,580	4,580	4,580	4,580	4,580	4,580	4,580
Lehigh Valley	11 mos.	1,447	56,684	2,766	62,634	65,641	8,180	8,324	1,092	11,233	10,983	2,165	1,668	30,068	53,796	53,021	859	888	8,838	5,143
Litchfield & Madison	11 mos.	44	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197
11 mos.	44	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197	3,197
Long Island	Nov. 351	1,076	4,083	5,345	3,328	741	717	122	1,026	11,999	1,658	404	2,837	5,337	4,647	987	2	508	353	113
Louisiana & Arkansas	Nov. 746	2,052	6,094	6,100	2,190	2,238	2,238	1,659	11,250	11,250	1,977	83	3,663	5,293	3,492	59	883	3,337	2,363	1,773
11 mos.	746	2,052	6,094	6,100	2,190	2,238	2,238	1,659	11,250	11,250	1,977	83	3,663	5,293	3,492	59	883	3,337	2,363	1,773
Louisville & Nashville	Nov. 5,704	17,410	9,913	24,941	20,713	33,677	33,677	310	430	47,517	12,186	5,649	88,799	107,577	175,441	834	914	2,008	1,873	2,254
11 mos.	5,704	17,410	9,913	24,941	20,713	33,677	33,677	310	430	47,517	12,186	5,649	88,799	107,577	175,441	834	914	2,008	1,873	2,254
Maine Central	Nov. 944	2,864	65	2,863	2,215	4,711	4,719	38	373	4,312	884	23	926	1,645	1,752	797	77	418	162	191
11 mos.	1,391	2,864	65	2,863	2,215	4,711	4,719	38	373	4,312	884	23	926	1,645	1,752	797	77	418	162	191
Minneapolis & St. Louis	Nov. 1,391	1,774	2,874	3,080	3,369	2,274	3,080	248	92	10,281	635	635	1,150	7,048	15,554	15,223	75	5,165	2,887	1,915
11 mos.	1,391	20,236	55	21,019	19,646	3,069	2,324	3,195	3,071	9,744	1,150	7,048	15,554	15,223	75	5,165	2,887	1,915	1,756	
Min., Northfield & Southern	Nov. 77	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118
11 mos.	77	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118	4,118
Min., St. Paul & S. Marie	Nov. 3,272	3,340	4,527	4,527	893	893	893	719	138	104	1,592	3,245	3,245	3,245	3,245	3,245	3,245	3,245	3,245	3,245
11 mos.	3,272	4,102	788	43,926	44,210	9,586	507	7,553	7,532	1,076	1,076	15,900	3,245	3,245	3,245	3,245	3,245	3,245	3,245	3,245
Missouri-Illinois	Nov. 172	430	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444
11 mos.	3,172	5,098	84	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444	5,444
Missouri-Kansas-Texas Lines	Nov. 3,117	53,732	2,660	61,577	68,063	10,314	9,598	1,018	10,960	10,960	2,880	2,407	23,295	50,965	54,343	81	73	11,812	4,501	4,987
Missouri-Pacific	Nov. 9,594	19,919	730	22,880	25,277	3,783	4,239	304	4,312	1,940	730	9	1,140	19,669	19,669	80	778	4,574	1,276	1,316
11 mos.	9,594	23,515	10,360	27,404	27,753	42,088	44,919	3,633	47,435	48,740	11,267	7,835	102,943	210,489	212,813	767	771	63,715	20,731	32,808
Monon	Nov. 541	1,625	1,823	1,862	236	18	318	282	78	105	706	1,463	1,463	1,463	1,463	1,463	1,463	1,463	1,463	1,463
11 mos.	541	1,625	1,823	1,862	236	18	318	282	78	105	706	1,463	1,463	1,463	1,463	1,463	1,463	1,463	1,463	1,463
Monongahela	Nov. 177	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706
11 mos.	177	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706	5,706
New York Central	Nov. 10,621	43,595	6,624	58,206	64,354	7,292	7,367	1,250	10,350	11,225	2,435	1,140	28,919	574,729	531,880	87	85	107,198	142	262
11 mos.	10,621	43,595	6,624	58,206	64,354	7,292	7,367	1,250	10,350	11,225	2,435	1,140	28,919	574,729	531,880	87	85	107,198	142	262
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	Nov. 231	2,611	4,281	4,281	4,281	4,281	4,281	4,281	4,281	4,281	4,281	4,281	4,281	4,281	4,281	4,281	4,281	4,281	4,281	4,281
11 mos.	231	2,611	4,281	4,281	4,281	4,281														

# REVENUES AND EXPENSES OF RAILWAYS

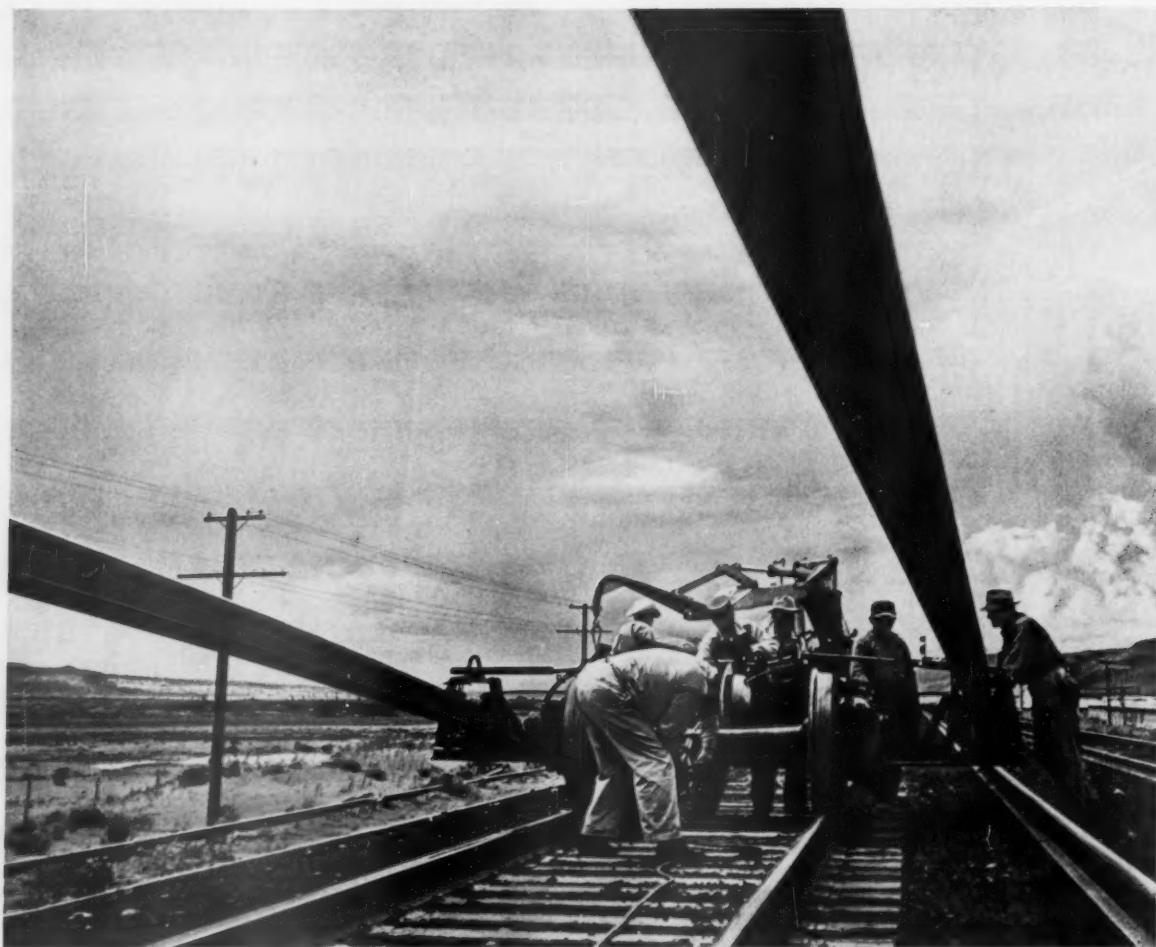
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MONTH OF NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTHS OF CALENDAR YEAR 1957

Name of Road	Average mileage operated during period	Operating Revenues				Operating Expenses				Net from operation	Railway tax accruals	Net Railway income
		Pass.	Freight	Total	Inc. 1956	Total	Retire-ments	Total	Deprec.			
		1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
Norfolk and Western.....	Nov.	17,886	2,223	20,109	20,376	2,412	322	4,881	994	402	5,829	13,221
Nov.	11	21,978	2,929	24,907	25,113	2,815	405	4,881	994	402	5,829	13,221
Norfolk Southern.....	Nov.	7,581	1,000	8,581	8,581	1,000	113	1,113	113	113	1,113	1,113
Nov.	11	7,581	1,000	8,581	8,581	1,000	113	1,113	113	113	1,113	1,113
Norfolk Pacific.....	Nov.	1,521	161	1,682	1,682	161	161	1,682	161	161	1,682	1,682
Nov.	11	1,521	161	1,682	1,682	161	161	1,682	161	161	1,682	1,682
Northwestern Pacific.....	Nov.	329	889	1,218	1,218	889	329	1,218	329	889	1,218	1,218
Nov.	11	329	889	1,218	1,218	889	329	1,218	329	889	1,218	1,218
Pennsylvania.....	Nov.	9,857	59,380	69,237	69,237	59,380	9,857	69,237	9,857	59,380	69,237	69,237
Nov.	11	9,857	59,380	69,237	69,237	59,380	9,857	69,237	9,857	59,380	69,237	69,237
Penn.-Read. Seashore Lines	Nov.	7,021	1,441	8,462	8,462	1,441	7,021	8,462	7,021	1,441	8,462	8,462
Nov.	11	7,021	1,441	8,462	8,462	1,441	7,021	8,462	7,021	1,441	8,462	8,462
Piedmont & Northern.....	Nov.	126	4,797	4,923	4,923	4,797	126	4,923	126	4,797	4,923	4,923
Nov.	11	126	4,797	4,923	4,923	4,797	126	4,923	126	4,797	4,923	4,923
Pittsburgh & West Virginia	Nov.	132	9,727	9,859	9,859	9,727	132	9,859	132	9,727	9,859	9,859
Nov.	11	132	9,727	9,859	9,859	9,727	132	9,859	132	9,727	9,859	9,859
Reading.....	Nov.	1,384	111,221	112,605	112,605	111,221	1,384	112,605	1,384	111,221	112,605	112,605
Nov.	11	1,384	111,221	112,605	112,605	111,221	1,384	112,605	1,384	111,221	112,605	112,605
Richmond, Fred. & Potomac	Nov.	118	1,437	1,555	1,555	1,437	118	1,555	118	1,437	1,555	1,555
Nov.	11	118	1,437	1,555	1,555	1,437	118	1,555	118	1,437	1,555	1,555
Rutland.....	Nov.	391	346	737	737	346	391	737	391	346	737	737
Nov.	11	391	346	737	737	346	391	737	391	346	737	737
Sacramento Northern.....	Nov.	349	1,422	1,771	1,771	1,422	349	1,771	349	1,422	1,771	1,771
Nov.	11	349	1,422	1,771	1,771	1,422	349	1,771	349	1,422	1,771	1,771
St. Louis-San Francisco	Nov.	4,596	8,740	13,336	13,336	8,740	4,596	13,336	4,596	8,740	13,336	13,336
Nov.	11	4,596	8,740	13,336	13,336	8,740	4,596	13,336	4,596	8,740	13,336	13,336
St. Louis-San Fran. & Texas	Nov.	155	339	494	494	339	155	494	155	339	494	494
Nov.	11	155	339	494	494	339	155	494	155	339	494	494
St. Louis Southwestern Line	Nov.	1,560	5,060	6,620	6,620	5,060	1,560	6,620	1,560	5,060	6,620	6,620
Nov.	11	1,560	5,060	6,620	6,620	5,060	1,560	6,620	1,560	5,060	6,620	6,620
St. Louis Southwestern	Nov.	1,560	5,060	6,620	6,620	5,060	1,560	6,620	1,560	5,060	6,620	6,620
Nov.	11	1,560	5,060	6,620	6,620	5,060	1,560	6,620	1,560	5,060	6,620	6,620
Savannah & Atlanta.....	Nov.	144	319	463	463	319	144	463	144	319	463	463
Nov.	11	144	319	463	463	319	144	463	144	319	463	463
Seaboard Air Line.....	Nov.	4,060	11,702	15,762	15,762	11,702	4,060	15,762	4,060	11,702	15,762	15,762
Nov.	11	4,060	11,702	15,762	15,762	11,702	4,060	15,762	4,060	11,702	15,762	15,762
Southern Railway.....	Nov.	6,281	20,635	26,916	26,916	20,635	6,281	26,916	6,281	20,635	26,916	26,916
Nov.	11	6,281	20,635	26,916	26,916	20,635	6,281	26,916	6,281	20,635	26,916	26,916
Alabama Great Southern	Nov.	328	1,303	1,631	1,631	1,303	328	1,631	328	1,303	1,631	1,631
Nov.	11	328	1,303	1,631	1,631	1,303	328	1,631	328	1,303	1,631	1,631
Chnn., N. Orleans & Tex. Pac.	Nov.	337	3,729	4,066	4,066	3,729	337	4,066	337	3,729	4,066	4,066
Nov.	11	337	3,729	4,066	4,066	3,729	337	4,066	337	3,729	4,066	4,066
Georgia Southern & Florida	Nov.	475	896	1,371	1,371	896	475	1,371	475	896	1,371	1,371
Nov.	11	475	896	1,371	1,371	896	475	1,371	475	896	1,371	1,371
New Orleans & Northeastern	Nov.	284	938	1,222	1,222	938	284	1,222	284	938	1,222	1,222
Nov.	11	284	938	1,222	1,222	938	284	1,222	284	938	1,222	1,222
Southern Pacific.....	Nov.	8,994	27,827	36,821	36,821	27,827	8,994	36,821	8,994	27,827	36,821	36,821
Nov.	11	8,994	27,827	36,821	36,821	27,827	8,994	36,821	8,994	27,827	36,821	36,821
Texas & New Orleans.....	Nov.	4,284	10,043	14,327	14,327	10,043	4,284	14,327	4,284	10,043	14,327	14,327
Nov.	11	4,284	10,043	14,327	14,327	10,043	4,284	14,327	4,284	10,043	14,327	14,327
Spokane International.....	Nov.	150	280	430	430	280	150	430	150	280	430	430
Nov.	11	150	280	430	430	280	150	430	150	280	430	430
Spokane Portland & Seattle	Nov.	145	3,325	3,470	3,470	3,325	145	3,470	145	3,325	3,470	3,470
Nov.	11	145	3,325	3,470	3,470	3,325	145	3,470	145	3,325	3,470	3,470
Tennessee Central.....	Nov.	286	356	642	642	356	286	642	286	356	642	642
Nov.	11	286	356	642	642	356	286	642	286	356	642	642
Texas & Pacific.....	Nov.	1,831	5,501	7,332	7,332	5,501	1,831	7,332	1,831	5,501	7,332	7,332
Nov.	11	1,831	5,501	7,332	7,332	5,501	1,831	7,332	1,831	5,501	7,332	7,332
Texas Mexican.....	Nov.	161	3,244	3,405	3,405	3,244	161	3,405	161	3,244	3,405	3,405
Nov.	11	161	3,244	3,405	3,405	3,244	161	3,405	161	3,244	3,405	3,405
Toledo, Peoria & Western	Nov.	239	6,979	7,218	7,218	6,979	239	7,218	239	6,979	7,218	7,218
Nov.	11	239	6,979	7,218	7,218	6,979	239	7,218	239	6,979	7,218	7,218
Union Pacific.....	Nov.	9,786	37,993	47,779	47,779	37,993	9,786	47,779	9,786	37,993	47,779	47,779
Nov.	11	9,786	37,993	47,779	47,779	37,993	9,786	47,779	9,786	37,993	47,779	47,779
Virginian.....	Nov.	611	57,358	57,969	57,969	57,358	611	57,969	611	57,358	57,969	57,969
Nov.	11	611	57,358	57,969	57,969	57,358	611	57,969	611	57,358	57,969	57,969
Wabash.....	Nov.	2,352	8,812	11,164	11,164	8,812	2,352	11,164	2,352	8,812	11,164	11,164
Nov.	11	2,352	8,812	11,164	11,164	8,812	2,352	11,164	2,352	8,812	11,164	11,164
Ann Arbor.....	Nov.	284	752	1,036	1,036	752	284	1,036	284	752	1,036	1,036
Nov.	11	284	752	1,036	1,036	752	284	1,036	284	752	1,036	1,036
Western Maryland	Nov.	846	4,902	5,748	5,748	4,902	846	5,748	846	4,902	5,748	5,748
Nov.	11	846	4,902	5,748	5,748	4,902	846	5,748	846	4,902	5,748	5,748
Western Pacific.....	Nov.	1,192	3,873	5,065	5,065	3,873	1,192	5,065	1,192	3,873	5,065	5,065
Nov.	11	1,192	3,873	5,065	5,065	3,873	1,192	5,065	1,192	3,873	5,065	5,065
Wisconsin Central.....	Nov.	1,031	2,380	3,411	3,411	2,380	1,031	3,411	1,031	2,380	3,411	3,411
Nov.	11	1,031	2,380	3,411	3,411	2,380	1,031	3,411	1,031	2,380	3,411	3,411



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The railroads will continue to make such improvements — as rapidly as they are able to earn the money to pay for them. For the railroads must pay for improvements out of their own earnings. But the earning power of railroads today is restricted by outdated public policies that favor competing forms

of transportation — at the expense of the railroads.

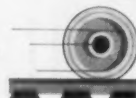
This unequal treatment causes the public to lose some of the benefits of railroad progress — progress as important to the nation as it is to the railroads.

In the interests of all of us, the railroads should be permitted equal opportunity to earn an adequate return on the money invested in them. Then everyone would benefit — including you.

*Isn't this common sense?*

**AMERICA MOVES AHEAD WITH THE RAILROADS**

Association of American Railroads, Washington, D. C.



**YOUR BASIC TRANSPORTATION**



# MARKET OUTLOOK *at a glance*

## Carloadings Rise Slightly in Week

Loadings of revenue freight in the week ended January 18 totaled 572,353 cars, the Association of American Railroads announced on January 23. This was an increase of 2,909 cars, or 0.5%, compared with the previous week; a decrease of 84,916 cars, or 12.9%, compared with the corresponding week last year; and a decrease of 126,933 cars, or 18.2%, compared with the equivalent 1956 week.

Loadings of revenue freight for the week ended January 11 totaled 569,444 cars; the summary, compiled by the Car Service Division, AAR, follows:

REVENUE FREIGHT CAR LOADINGS			
For the week ended Saturday, January 11			
District	1958	1957	1956
Eastern .....	87,158	112,236	121,685
Allegheny .....	101,326	135,136	140,626
Pacahantos .....	48,613	60,566	61,154
Southern .....	109,870	128,333	131,537
Northwestern .....	66,750	74,919	78,584
Central Western .....	109,290	114,379	118,743
Southwestern ..	46,437	54,997	58,009
Total Western Districts .....	222,477	244,495	255,336
Total All Roads .....	569,444	680,766	710,338
Commodities:			
Grain and grain products .....	56,327	54,208	50,998
Livestock .....	6,064	6,834	9,928
Coal .....	123,628	142,704	150,177
Coke .....	7,191	13,212	14,074
Forest Products .....	35,732	42,478	45,258
Ore .....	14,752	21,015	18,074
Merchandise (e.c.) .....	42,431	51,646	58,150
Miscellaneous ..	283,299	348,669	363,679
January 11 .....	569,444	680,766	710,338
January 4 .....	471,749	561,201	611,299
Cumulative total, 2 weeks .....			
1958 .....	1,041,193	1,241,967	1,321,637
1957 .....	1957	1956	1955
December 28 ..	410,022	487,546	570,412
December 21 ..	390,343	698,424	667,479
December 14 ..	603,036	716,652	709,132

**IN CANADA.**—Carloadings for the seven-day period ended January 7 totaled 50,115 cars compared with 66,038 cars for the previous ten-day period, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

	Revenue Cars Loaded	Total Cars Rec'd from Connections
Totals for Canada:		
January 7, 1958 .....	50,115	20,511
January 7, 1957 .....	43,959	22,403

## New Equipment

### FREIGHT-TRAIN CARS

► **Rio Grande.**—Will spend approximately \$4,100,000 on 1958 equipment program. Included will be 20 steel cabooses equipped with electric lighting and radio, and 300 triple-hopper cars and 50 covered hopper cars previously announced (Railway Age, Sept. 16, 1957, p. 75 and Sept. 30, 1957, p. 43). Improvements to existing equipment will include upgrading 250 box cars by installation of cement-plastic flooring, and installation of electric lighting and improved radio in 20 cabooses.

► **Santa Fe.**—Building 25 88-ft flat cars in its own shops for piggyback service. Delivery scheduled for first quarter, 1958.

### LOCOMOTIVES

► **Brazil RR Orders 100 Diesels Here.**—The Rede Ferroviaria of Brazil has ordered 100 diesel road units from General Motors Overseas at an approximate cost of \$15,500,000. Included are 70 1,425-hp and 30 950-hp units. Delivery is scheduled to begin in March and be completed in September. Financing has been arranged through an Export-Import Bank loan.

► **1,316 New Units Installed in 1957.**—Class I railroads put 1,316 new locomotive units into service last year, compared with 1,453 units installed in 1956, AAR reports. Last year's installations included 1,312 diesel-electrics and four electrics, compared with 1,445 diesel-electrics and eight electrics in 1956. New locomotive units on order January 1 totaled 443 (413 diesel-electrics and 30 gas turbine-electrics). Units on order on previous January 1 totaled 814 (780 diesel-electrics, 30 gas turbine-electrics and four electrics).

### SPECIAL

► **Mexico to Spend \$28.6 Million Here.**—Washington's Export-Import Bank has announced a \$28,600,000 credit to the National of Mexico to permit purchase here of locomotives, cars, and equipment for shops, communications and track. Purchases will include 48 diesel locomotives, 122 hopper and 500 box cars.

► **Pacific of Nicaragua.**—Reportedly is seeking financial aid in the United States before embarking on a capital improvement program. General Manager Raymond R. Gavin is said to be expecting U.S. financial institutions to send experts to Nicaragua to appraise the road's needs.

## New Facilities

► **Koppers Company.**—Ordered, from Union Switch & Signal—Division of Westinghouse Air Brake Company, Identra equipment installation at ore sintering facility being built by Koppers for Great Lakes Steel Corporation at Detroit, Mich. Identra system of automatic, electronic train identification is a recent development used with other equipment to provide such things as automatic route line-up and automatic announcing system. At Great Lakes installation, operation of a 110-volt a.c. track switch is to be controlled. Train coil will be in the front of a high voltage, self-propelled, ore transfer hopper car. It will be tuned remotely from a selector switch in cab on rear of car.



### British Railways Get to the Bottom of Things

A moveable boom on a 52-ft railway car has been introduced on the British Railways. It permits close inspection of bridges and viaducts. The boom has two arms, 17 and 21 ft long, which can extend 29 ft below rail level or 15 ft under the

arch. Control of the apparatus is maintained by inspectors in the platform. They can communicate with car crew by field telephone and have floodlights on platform for night work. Power comes from a diesel unit on the rail car.

## Walrath Blasts Highway Violations

Most shocking revelation of 1957 may have been the discovery of widespread violation of highway safety requirements.

Determination to end such violations is high on the list of Interstate Commerce Commission New Year resolutions. In its campaign the commission will use "every available power of correction."

So says Commissioner L. K. Walrath. Mr. Walrath was addressing the Boston chapter of the Association of Interstate Commerce Commission Practitioners.

The ICC, he said, historically has been reluctant to suspend operating rights, but this attitude will not continue.

Under present circumstances, Mr. Walrath emphasized, "I think it safe for you to advise your motor carrier clients not to rely upon what they may have considered to be commission 'precedent.' When lives are at stake even precedent will not be persuasive for carriers who continue to gamble with safety."

In 1958 there will be continued increasing attempts to identify the 140,000 private and exempt carriers and to inform them of ICC safety regulations. All carriers (including unregulated private and exempt carriers) are subject to safety rules. The commission has, however, been able to identify and serve copies of its regulations on only about one-third.

The rest are "unknown" to the commission, until they have an accident or are

picked up in a roadcheck. "Far more carriers operate subject to, but in ignorance of, our regulations," the commissioner said, "than those who are known to us and are served with copies of those regulations. Something must be done."

The commission also is urging Congress to re-define "private carriage" in clear language. This will leave no doubt what is legitimate and what is an attempt to avoid the 3% transportation tax on freight. This tax, the commissioner said, has been a major factor in diverting freight to private carriers. It has affected rail and motor carriers alike.

Commissioner Walrath said Representative Patman's proposal to extend the transportation tax to private carriage had focused attention on the problem. He thought, however, that such a tax "might be more expensive to administer than productive in net dollars."

The treasury needs the approximately half billion dollars received from the excise tax on rail freight, Commissioner Walrath said, but equated the figure with the half billion dollars of railroad income tax.

"In 1957," he said, "due at least in substantial part to the diversion of traffic to private carriers, rail net income is estimated to have dropped more than 15%. This trend may not be taken lightly, if for no other reason than its effect on Treasury receipts."

### Constructive Action Now, Says Senator Smathers

(Continued from page 12)

and anticipation such mail was dumped on the railroads (at Jacksonville, Fla.) at a time when our facilities were being fully utilized. Because the mail could not be handled as expeditiously as normally would have been the case if we had been prepared for such an overflow, punitive action (fines of some \$2,900) was taken against the Coast Line and three other lines by the Post Office Department."

This version of the incident was disputed by Postmaster General Summerfield in a letter to Senator Smathers. The senator put the letter into the record of the hearing. The occurrence had "nothing whatever to do with the grounding of air lines or transportation of air mail," Mr. Summerfield said. He added that delays were being experienced at Jacksonville for some time. This caused the department "to fail in its goal of having no undelivered mail by Christmas." He conceded that the mail traffic involved was the heavy Christmas business but insisted that it was the expected increase above normal—not an unprecedented increase.

### Post Office Pressure

Mr. Summerfield also addressed himself to the complaint of Mr. Rice and several of the other railroad executives that the Post Office uses diversion threats to get mail rates lower than those approved by the ICC. Mr. Summerfield's short answer was to "pass without comment the fact that many of these same witnesses have recommended changes in the law which would grant them the same right to reduce freight rates in order to meet competition that they now enjoy in the case of mail."

He went on to insist that the Post Office gives railroads every opportunity to retain mail business by meeting competitive rate offers it receives. In answer to NH President Alpert's charge that the Post Office confronts railroads with threats of massive traffic diversion, Mr. Summerfield said: "The New Haven found that it was peculiarly subject to truck competition and its representatives came to the department and requested a contract whereby the railroad would retain the mail but at a competitive rate. The contract was not forced on the railroad; it was entered into at the railroad's suggestion and request and for the railroad's benefit."

Other railroad presidents who appeared to summarize statements they had filed with the subcommittee were: Patrick B. McGinnis of the Boston & Maine; Wayne A. Johnston of the Illinois Central; John M. Budd of the Great Northern; Russell L. Dearmont of the Missouri Pacific; Glen B. Brock of the Gulf, Mobile & Ohio; G. B. Aydelott of the Denver & Rio Grande Western; Harry C. Murphy of the Burlington; D. B. Jenks of the Rock Island; Walter J. Tuohy of the Chesapeake & Commerce Commission Practitioners.

Ohio; Arthur K. Atkinson of the Wabash; John W. Smith of the Seaboard Air Line; C. A. Major of the Lehigh Valley.

A statement was filed by Chairman Ben W. Heineman of the Chicago & North Western. The Milwaukee was represented by its consultant and former president, John P. Kiley. The Southern Pacific's statement was filed by President D. J. Russell and summarized at the hearing by D. J. McGanney, vice-president of the road. The Union Pacific was represented by W. R. Rouse, one of its vice-presidents.

"Primary responsibility" for the present situation "lies with the railroads," President J. M. Hood of the American Short Line Railroad Association told the committee. He had in mind the failure to revise working rules and thus reduce labor costs. Mr. Hood said:

"However much we may plead poverty, regulation, coercion and lack of protection, we, through our chosen representatives, have for years acquiesced in labor demands which, while not excessive when considered in terms of daily or real compensation, are extremely burdensome when the effect of antiquated mileage and arbitrary payments are considered. So-called fringe benefits have gotten completely out of hand when compared with similar burdens on competing modes of transportation."

The ASLRA president's specific recommendation was that railroads serve notice of a desire to negotiate new contracts when the present moratorium expires November 1, 1959. He would also simultaneously serve notice to renegotiate the so-called Washington Agreement of 1936. The agreement protects employees affected by coordination of facilities.

### Statesmanship Needed

"Where negotiations begin to correct these inequities," Mr. Hood said, "good statesmanship will be required on the part of carrier representatives so that no reprisal or unnecessary restriction of privilege or gain and certainly no unnecessarily reduced compensation for work performed be demanded. Equal statesmanship will be required of representatives of labor. To undertake such an approach which by many will be considered drastic, the carriers will need reasonable advance assurance of the cooperation of legislative, regulative and enforcement bodies at federal and state levels."

Mr. Hood advocated studies to develop more equipment specially tailored to shipper needs, and better merchandising of railroad service. He expressed hope that the committee would clear for Senate action the House-approved bill embodying ASLRA's plan for liberalizing through-routes provisions.

Another witness was Alan Boyd, chairman of the Florida Railroad and Public Utilities Commission. Like Mr. Hood, he considers the working agreements one of the main problems besetting the railroad industry.



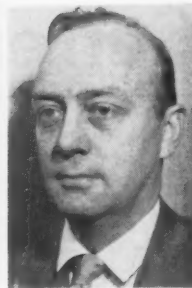
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New Haven



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New Haven



John H. Gardner, Jr.  
New Haven



Charles C. Shannon  
New Haven

## People in the News

**DELAWARE & HUDSON.**—John F. Reilly, general attorney, appointed general solicitor, New York.

**KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN.**—Rome J. Blair, assistant general manager, advanced to general manager, to succeed Fred H. Hooper, vice-president and general manager, who retired January 1. Lawrence D. Fry, communications engineer, Kansas City, Mo., appointed superintendent of communications there, succeeding Arthur H. Ryden, superintendent of telegraph, retired. Eugene F. Salisbury, chief engineer, named assistant to president, and is succeeded by Clifford G. Davis, assistant chief engineer.

J. M. Salter II appointed assistant to treasurer, Kansas City, Mo.

John P. Gunther, assistant general freight agent, Kansas City, Mo., appointed assistant freight traffic manager, with supervision over sales of trailer-on-flatcar operations.

**MAINE CENTRAL.**—Joseph H. Cobb, assistant news editor of Stations WCSH and WCSH-TV, appointed director of public relations of the MeC, Portland, Me., effective February 1.

**MILITARY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AGENCY.**—Maj. Gen. Paul F. Yount, chief of army transportation, and Maj. Gen. E. C. R. Lasher, executive director, MTMA, will retire from military service January 31. Gen. Lasher will become associated with the North American Car Corporation.

**NEW HAVEN.**—Charles C. Shannon, assistant to president-operations, Chicago & Northwestern, Chicago, elected vice-president—operations, New Haven at New Haven. He will be in full charge of the operating, engineering and mechanical departments, effective January 20. C. Harry McGill, chief of operations, appointed senior vice-president.

Harry L. Filer, general counsel, New Haven, appointed vice-president—law. A. Gerdes Kuhbach, financial officer, named vice-president—finance. John H. Gardner, Jr., counsel, advanced to general counsel. J. Edward Berg, assistant

treasurer and cashier, promoted to assistant vice-president—finance.

**NEWBURGH & SOUTH SHORE—DONORA SOUTHERN-LAKE TERMINAL-McKEESPORT CONNECTING-NORTHAMPTON & BATH-HANNIBAL CONNECTING.**—Thomas C. Dummitt appointed general freight agent of these roads at Pittsburgh, Pa. Charles F. Klein, assistant to president, retired December 31, 1957.

**NEW YORK CENTRAL.**—Dr. N. L. Higinbotham appointed chief surgeon, New York, succeeding Dr. Bradley L. Coley, retired.

**SANTA FE.**—R. A. Van Ness, bridge engineer system, Chicago, retires March 1.

R. H. Adams appointed acting superintendent, San Francisco Terminal division, succeeding E. O. Bagenstos, temporarily reassigned.

J. T. Smith, who has been on leave of absence (Railway Age, July 22, 1957, p. 46), has resumed his duties as master mechanic, Plains division, Amarillo, Tex., succeeding L. B. Johnson, master mechanic, Panhandle division, Wellington, Kan. Mr. Johnson has resumed jurisdiction over the first, second and Larned districts of the Western division, to replace W. W. Lyons.

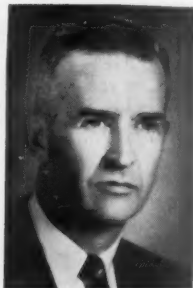
**SEABOARD.**—Thomas B. Hutcheson became chief engineer, Norfolk, on January 1 (Railway Age, Jan. 20, p. 140). Mr. Hutcheson entered railroad service in 1935 as student apprentice with the Seaboard, later serving as assistant to division engineer, assistant division engineer, assistant to chief engineer and assistant chief engineer, successively.

John L. McBride appointed principal assistant engineer, Norfolk, succeeding John T. Ward, recently promoted to assistant chief engineer.

**TEXAS & NEW ORLEANS.**—F. V. Schaub appointed passenger traffic and public relations manager, with headquarters at Houston, Tex., and New Orleans, succeeding H. H. Gray, retired. J. L. Bart, Jr., named assistant public relations manager. (Continued on page 39)



Joseph H. Cobb  
MeC



J. Edward Berg  
New Haven



John F. Reilly  
D&H



Thomas B. Hutcheson  
Seaboard



# Current OPERATING DEPARTMENT Questions

Here's that car service quiz I've been promising you for some time. I hope you'll take time to figure out the answers and send them to me. In this space, in the March 10th issue, I'll give you what I think are the correct loadings. I hope your judgment coincides with mine. At any rate, give it a try.—G.C.R.

## Problem: How would you load cars to cut empty miles?

### Fifteen Cities to Serve . . .

On a recent day, the transportation officer in charge of the Government storage warehouses at Horseheads, N. Y., (served by the Lackawanna, Erie, Lehigh Valley and Pennsylvania) placed the following order with the Lackawanna for 15 class A box cars. The cars were to be loaded with surplus stores destined to federal and state hospitals and other institutions. One car each was to be loaded to the following cities:

Albany, N. Y.  
Augusta, Me.  
Austin, Tex.  
Battle Creek, Mich.  
Birmingham, Ala.  
Concord, N. H.  
Jefferson City, Mo.  
Knoxville, Tenn.

Little Rock, Ark.  
Madison, Wis.  
New York City, N. Y.  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
Springfield, Ill.  
Washington, D. C.  
White River Jct., Vt.

### And 15 Different Roads . . .

The Lackawanna yardmaster had one each of the following ownerships to give the warehouse:

ATSF  
A&WP  
B&M  
C&O  
CNJ  
CRR  
MTC  
CGW

CNW  
N&B  
NH  
N&W  
QC  
RI  
SLSF

### . . . Plus Complications

The transportation officer, working with the Lackawanna's car distributor, loaded these cars so that when they reached destination, and were emptied they were either: on the home road; or within 125 miles of a junction with the owning road. Furthermore, the total empty miles needed

to place all cars on their owners' rails was less than 1,000, or an average of less than 75 miles per car.

Can you do as well as the transportation officer and the Lackawanna car distributor did?

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ager, and **E. W. Crabbe** appointed assistant passenger traffic and public relations manager, both with headquarters at Houston.

**M. L. Bush**, assistant secretary and assistant to auditor, Houston, retired November 30, 1957. **F. H. Coyne, Jr.** appointed assistant secretary and assistant to auditor. **E. F. Patillo** named assistant to auditor.

**Ray Kirkland**, manager press relations, Houston, appointed special representative-public relations there.

**UNION PACIFIC.**—**Norman B. Marvin**, assistant freight traffic manager, Omaha, Neb., promoted to freight traffic manager there. **Donald E. Ingman**, assistant general freight service manager, Salt Lake City, Utah, appointed assistant freight traffic manager, Omaha. **William H. Whalen** appointed general freight and passenger agent, Denver, Colo. **Walter P. Barrett** named assistant general freight agent, Omaha. **Alan B. Taylor** appointed traffic manager, Omaha. **Ira V. Helmick** named general traffic agent, San Diego, Cal., succeeding **Harold G. Larimer**, retired.

## OBITUARY

**Philip H. Crosby**, 74, retired trainmaster, Chicago & Western Indiana, died January 8 in St. George's Hospital, Chicago.

**Lewis D. Freeman**, 69, until recently trustee of the New York, Ontario & Western, died in Middletown, N.Y., on January 11. Before his service with the O&W, Mr. Freeman was examiner for the Railroad Division, Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

**Herman T. Frushour**, 75, who retired in August, 1949 as assistant vice-president and chief engineer of the Pennsylvania at New York, died January, 8 at St. Petersburg, Fla.

**August W. Munster**, 75, who retired in 1950 as vice-president in charge of purchases and stores of the Boston & Maine, Maine Central and Portland Terminal, Boston, Mass., died January 13 in Winchester [Mass.] hospital.

**Joseph P. Roddy**, 74, who retired in 1952 as assistant general freight agent, Northern Pacific, St. Paul, died January 11 in that city.

**Morris H. Wolfe**, 75, retired traffic manager, Railway Express Agency, died January 8 in Evanston, Ill.

**Augustine Ridenour Ayers**, 79, retired general manager, Nickel Plate, died January 15 at his home in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Clarence E. Barrett**, 64, superintendent car department of the Milwaukee, died January 5 in Milwaukee County Emergency Hospital, Milwaukee, Wis.

## Supply Trade

**Clifford A. Barabe, Jr.**, assistant manager, sales departments, Caterpillar Americas Company and Caterpillar Overseas C. A., Peoria, Ill., has been appointed manager, sales departments, there, to succeed **John G. Montag**, named assistant managing director and sales manager of Caterpillar Brasil S.A., Sao Paulo, Brazil.

**James G. Graham**, general manager, Railroad Division, Fairbanks, Morse & Company, Chicago, has been appointed manager of the Los Angeles sales and service branch, to succeed **Paul A. Suess**, who retired January 1.

**National Aluminate Corporation** has announced completion of a five-story addition to its laboratory and executive offices in Chicago's Clearing industrial district, which more than doubles the company's administrative and research facilities. Other phases in recent Nalco expansion in the

Chicago area included acquisition of adjacent Lamson-Sessions property and buildings, and construction of an automated chemical processing plant.

**Geigy Agricultural Chemicals, Division of Geigy Chemical Corporation**, has appointed **Leo Miles** industrial sales specialist for Simazin 50W herbicide for weed control. He was formerly a field representative for U. S. Borax & Chemical Corp.

**Robert J. White**, sales representative in the spring and forge division, **Alco Products, Inc.**, has been named assistant to the executive vice-president, succeeding **Harold A. Dehn**, retired.

**J. D. Harmison**, manager, parts sales for the tractor group of **Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company**, has been appointed sales manager, material handling, of the Buda Division.

**Robert J. Beck**, formerly with the Westinghouse Electric Corporation, has been appointed assistant

chief engineer of the Jack Division of **Duff-Norton Company**.

**Metal & Thermit Corporation** has sold its Thermit welding business to **Reade Manufacturing Company**. In announcing its retirement from the welding field, Metal & Thermit said the company's growth plans call for concentration of activities and expansion in the production and marketing of chemicals, metals and arc welding electrodes and equipment.

**Ralph R. Wyckoff** has joined **A. J. Gerrard & Company**, Melrose Park, Ill., as sales promotion manager.

## OBITUARY

**Frank J. Swanson**, 67, sales and service manager of the **Holland Company** for the eastern half of the United States, died December 21.



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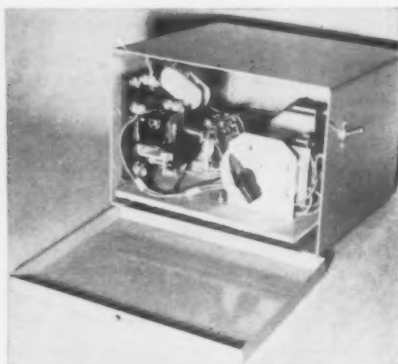


Refueling in progress at yard location



Farrell unit shown resanding locomotives

# New Products Report



## Warm Engines with Less Fuel

A device is now available for controlling diesel temperature during stand-by or lay-over periods. Engine is automatically stopped and started with time and temperature controls. The manufacturer states his device reduces fuel costs by eliminating long periods of engine idling; cold idling is reduced to a minimum decreasing engine wear.

The device comes in a metal box 7 in. by 10 in. by 8 in.; weighs 15 pounds. *Ajax-Consolidated Company, Dept. RA, 4615 W. 20th st., Chicago 50 •*

## New Traxcavators

Two new Traxcavators—No. 955 and No. 977 (Series E)—have been announced. The new machines feature a strong undercarriage with heavy construction, track roller frames, sprockets, front idlers, track rollers and track carrier rollers. The new design allows for high ground clearance, a low center of gravity. On both new models, horsepower and bucket capacity are same as on Series C models. Both new units have hydraulic track adjusters. *Caterpillar Tractor Company, Dept. RA, Peoria, Ill. •*

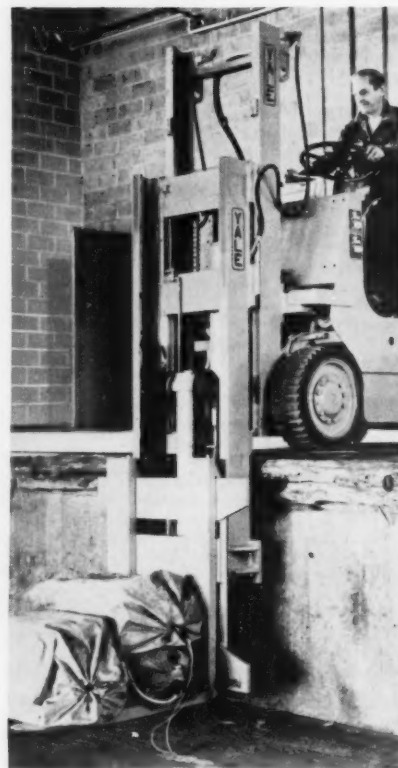
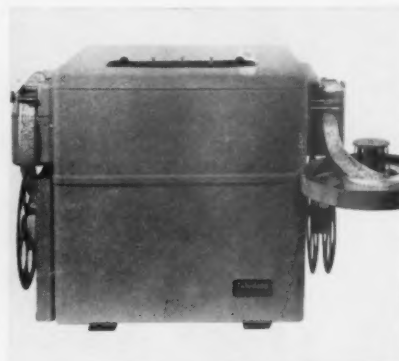


## Lowering and Lifting Truck

Here's an industrial lift truck with channels that lower below ground level for special handling jobs such as handling in pits, lowering palletized materials into dipping, cleaning tanks, or transferring material in a varied floor-level plant.

This 6,000-lb capacity model can handle loads off a level 72 in. below the floor and raise them 41 in. above ground level.

Both primary and secondary lifting channels have separate lifting cylinders and controls. *Yale & Towne Manufacturing Co., Dept. RA, Philadelphia 15 •*



## Tape Transmitter-Receiver

Friden Calculating Machine Company announces Teledata, a machine for sending, receiving, and checking data encoded in five or more channels of punched paper tape over existing wire services. It can operate over any telegraph, telephone circuit or microwave system.

Teledata is capable of transmitting and receiving 5-, 6-, 7-, and 8-channel tape. Printing telegraph uses 5-channel tape; has tape reader and punch. The reader, located at the right of the unit, is in operation when sending or transmitting information. The punch, on the left, is in operation when receiving information. As data is punched, tape is transmitted through the reader of the machine. It is simultaneously reperforated and checked on the punch of the Teledata placed at a distant location. The tapes, often referred to as the "common language" link between office machines, are then used to actuate other equipment to produce automatically telegraph messages, wheel reports, and so on. In duplex operation, data can be transmitted from one machine to another. *Friden Calculating Machine Co., Inc. Dept. RA, 1 Leighton ave., Rochester 2, N.Y. •*

## Portable Hand Lamps

This explosion-proof lamp is designed for rugged service; uses a 100-watt A-21 lamp. Exposed metal parts are made of non-sparking aluminum; insulated handle of high impact-resistant plastic. Globe is tempered glass, heat and impact-resistant.

The threaded guard secures and seals globe to holder which is threaded to insulated handle. For re-lamping metal assembly is removed as a unit. All threaded joints are locked to prevent accidental loosening. *Pyle-National Company, Dept. RA, Chicago 51 •*





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# Let's End 'Blind Justice'

The Supreme Court has seriously complicated the exercise by the ICC of its power to give a railroad relief from a red-ink level of commuter fares, imposed by a state commission.

The Milwaukee Road got an order from the ICC, raising commuter fares in Illinois, against the opposition of that state's commerce commission. The Supreme Court ruled against the ICC and sided with the Illinois authorities.

The ICC has a clear right and duty under the law to prevent sub-standard intrastate rates from becoming a "burden on interstate commerce." But now the Supreme Court says the aggrieved railroad must prove—not just that one part (commuter service) of its intrastate business is unprofitable—but that the entire intrastate operation is losing money.

It would be hard to conceive of a legal doctrine more completely insulated from the hard realities of present-day railroading. This paper is certainly not going to differ with the Court on a question of law—because the law, practically speaking, is what the Court says it is. It is an observable fact, however, that in the realm of social relations the Court has been eager enough to adapt the application of the law to changing conditions. Specifically, racial segregation in the schools had been legal all along, but the Court recently decided to make it illegal—without any legislation to that effect by Congress.

Thus, the Court evidently believes it has the duty in the realm of racial relations to keep the law abreast with changing times. But, in the field of transportation economics, the learned judges are apparently unaware or unconcerned that conditions in 1958 are not those of fifty years ago.

In 1908 "Jim Crow" laws were unchallenged, and the railroads' monopoly of inland transportation was recognized and regulated as such. In 1958 Jim Crow is a dead bird—and the railroads' monopoly is just as extinct. The Court is energetic in celebrating Jim Crow's obsequies—but it is not much concerned about equally revolutionary changes in transportation conditions.

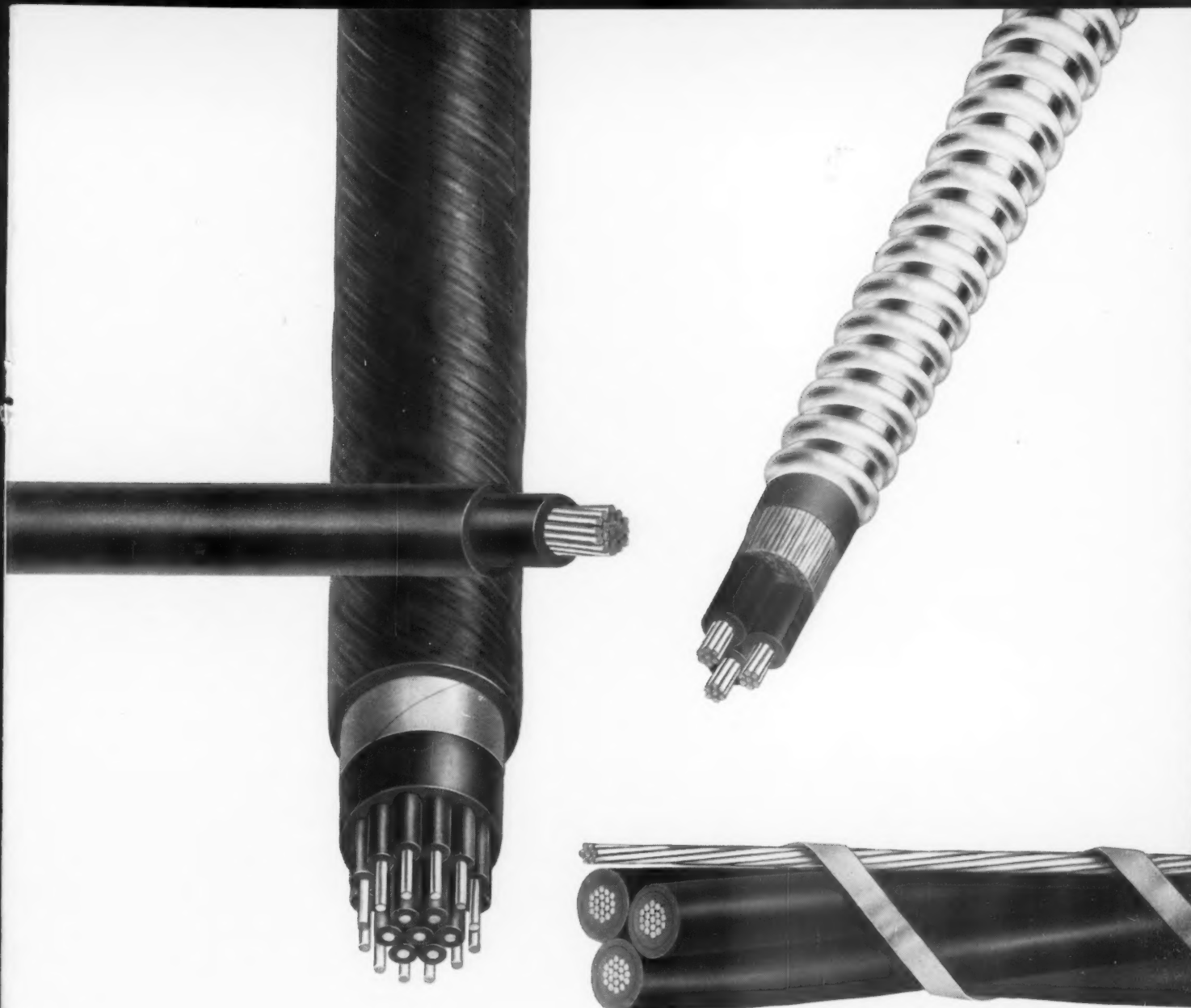
If the learned judges had kept abreast with events in the area of transportation economics, as they evidently have done in inter-racial sociology, they would know that:

*No segment of railroad service is, or can be, inordinately profitable today. There is an effective "ceiling" on most railroad rates—at something like 3 or 4 cents per ton-mile, which is the cost of private truck operation.*

*And, since there cannot be any inordinate profit from intrastate freight service—a proved unprofitable level of intrastate commuter rates is IPSO FACTO a direct burden on that railroad's interstate freight and passenger service. What public interest is served by delaying or denying urgently needed revenue relief to a railroad—requiring it to incur the trouble and expense of proving the obvious?*

The Court also seems to think that there can be considerable reliance upon state authorities to keep intrastate railroad operations profitable (passenger and freight service combined). Where is the experience to justify such confidence? If commuters in Illinois or New York can get a ride paid for, in part, by freight shippers in the Dakotas and Ohio—what inducement is there for state commissions in Illinois and New York to champion the cause of Dakotans and Ohians?

**LET'S CHANGE THE LAW:** In litigation of this and similar cases hereafter, the railroads ought to spare no pains to get the vital facts of present railroad economics into the record, for Court consideration. But the final and sure solution can come only from a clear statement in law. Railroads should be explicitly relieved of obligation to continue any segment of service that can't or won't pay its way; with a parallel right to make rates down to a minimum of direct costs in competing for any traffic whatever.



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